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PRECEDENTS,
Relating to the
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OF A
Justice of Peace,

CONSISTING OF
Orders, Warrants, Recognizances, Informations, Examinations, Passes, Settlements, and other Instruments; with References to the STATUTES, and other Authorities, on which they are founded.

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AS no Gentleman is born a Justice of Peace, and the Business is become so very extensive, that it requires some Years to be in any tolerable Measure Master of it, the Precedents of an old Practiser, with References to the Authorities on which they are founded, it is presumed may be of universal Use. The Commission itself, which is

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prefix'd, is indeed an ample Authority for a Magistrate to proceed upon, in all Cases where there is an actual Breach of the Peace, or any threatening Speeches, which may affect the Life or Property of the Subject; but the Statutes which authorise him to take Cognizance of Matters foreign to the Peace, or create new Offences which were not such at Common Law, are become so voluminous, and many of them so Intricate, that it may make a Man of good Sense Tremble, when he comes to put them in Execution, if he have not Precedents to direct him. It is observed indeed, that Gentlemen of mean Qualifications hesitate less in difficult

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ficult Cases, than Men of Experience; either they are not appriz'd of the Hazards they run, or perhaps they are Men of Fortunes and Figure in their Countries, and entertain that Contempt of the Vulgar, that they are not afraid to act Arbitrarily in this Land of Liberty. Certain it is, they sometimes trust a Butler or Coachman, to draw up Warrants and Orders to imprison Mens Persons, and seise their Effects; and if they appear illegal, the poor Dog of a Servant usually bears the Blame; *his Honour* is not presum'd to be at Leisure to attend such trifling Concerns: But though Men of commanding Fortunes may be above the Laws, we have Instances

stances of some others, in the Commission, who have had Actions brought against them, and have paid very dear for their Mistakes. Gentlemen would do well therefore to be assured they have some Authority to bear them out before they order a Constable to take a Person into Custody, and still more before they commit him to Gaol, or seise his Goods; for Actions will certainly lie against them, and the Officers they employ; and great Damages may be recovered, where there is no legal Authority to found their Orders upon. I shall Instance but in a Case or two; I believe it is usual, in most Countries, for Justices of Peace
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to take Persons into Custody, and compel them to pay Servants Wages, when no Wages have ever been settled at the Quarter-Sessions. They also frequently order Men to the Stocks for swearing or being Drunk, without giving them Time or Opportunity to pay the Penalty. These and other Mistakes of the like Nature, 'tis presum'd, would be avoided if Gentlemen were furnished with Precedents *taken from the Words of the respective Statutes*, of which there will be found such a Variety, in this Collection, that a Man of ordinary Understanding, if he should not meet with an Instrument in every Circumstance suitable to the Case before him, yet he
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may, however, from these, be able to frame one himself, without calling in foreign Assistance. I shall conclude with observing that our Superiour Courts are usually extremely indulgent to Gentlemen in Commission of the Peace, when their Conduct happens to be call'd in Question, provided there do not appear some manifest Neglect, Partiality or Prejudice in their Proceedings; and therefore they need be in very little Pain, where they act with sincere and upright Intentions; or, in other Words, have a due Regard to their Oath of Office.

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**GEORGIUS Secundus Dei gratia,
&c. predilecto & fideli, &c.**

[The Commission is usually directed to the Lord Chancellor, Treasurer, and all Privy Counsellors, who are Justices of the Peace in every County of England, as well as to the Gentlemen of the proper County, and then goes on].

Sciatis quod assignavimus vos conjunctim & divisim & quemlibet vestrum Justiciarios nostros ad pacem nostram in Comitatu nostro de Bedford conservandam, ac ad omnia ordinationes & Statuta pro bono pacis nostre ac pro conservatione
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eiusdem, & pro quieto, regimine & gubernatione populi nostri edita in omnibus & singulis suis Articulis in dicto Comitatu nostro (tam infra Libertates quam extra) juxta vim, formam, & effectum eorundem custodiendum & custodiri faciendum; & ad omnes contra formam ordinationum vel Statutorum illorum aut eorum alicujus, in Com' præd' delinquentes, castigandum & puniendum prout secundum formam ordinationum & Statutorum illorum fuerit faciendum: Et ad omnes illos qui alicui vel aliquibus de populo nostro de corporibus suis, vel de incendio domorum suarum minas fecerint, ad sufficientem securitatem de pace vel bono gestu suo erga nos & populum nostrum inveniendam coram nobis, seu aliquo vestrum, venire faciendum; & si hujusmodi securitatem invenire recusaverint tunc eos in Prisonis nostris (quousque hujusmodi securitatem inveniunt) salvo custodiri faciendum. Assignavimus etiam vos, & quoslibet duos vel plures vestrum, quorum aliquem vestrum, A. B. C. D. E. F. &c. unum esse volumus, Justiciarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum & legalium hominum de Comitatu prædicto (per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit) de omnibus & omnimodis Feloniis, veneficiis, Incantationibus, sortilegiis, Arte magica, Transgressionibus, Forstallariis, Reqratoriis, Ingrossariis & Extortionibus quibuscunque; ac de omnibus & singulis aliis malefactis & offensis (de quibus Justiciarii

ciarii pacis nostræ legitime inquirere possunt aut debent) per quoscunque & qualitercunque in Comitatu prædicto factis sive perpetratis vel quæ imposterum ibidem fieri vel attemptari contigerit: Ac etiam de omnibus illis qui in Comitatu prædicto in Conventiculis contra pacem nostram, in perturbationem populi nostri seu vi armata ierint vel equitaverint seu imposterum ire vel equitare præsumpserint; ac etiam de omnibus his qui ibidem ad Gentem nostram maihemandum vel interficiendum in insidiis jacuerunt vel imposterum jacere præsumpserint: Ac etiam de Hostelariis & aliis omnibus & singulis personis qui in abusu Ponderum vel Mensurarum, sive in venditione victualium contra formam Ordinationum & Statutorum, vel eorum aliqujus inde pro communi utilitate Regni nostri Angliæ & populi nostri ejusdem editorum deliquerunt vel attemptaverunt, seu imposterum delinquere vel attemptare præsumpserint in Com' prædict: Ac etiam de quibuscunque Vicecomitibus, Ballivis, Seneschallis, Constabulariis, Custodibus Gaolarum, & aliis Officiariis, qui in executione Officiorum suorum (circa præmissa seu eorum aliqua) indebite se habuerunt aut imposterum indebite se habere præsumpserint, aut tepidi, remissi vel negligentes fuerunt aut in posterum fore contigerint, in Comitatu prædict: Et de omnibus & singulis Articulis & circumstantiis & aliis rebus quibuscunq; per quoscunque &

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qualitercunque in Com' prædict' factis sive perpetratis vel quæ in posterum ibidem fieri vel attemptari contigerit, qualitercunque præmissorum vel eorum alicujus concernentibus plenius veritatem: Et ad indictamenta quæcunque sic coram vobis seu aliquibus vestrum capta, sive capienda aut coram aliis nuper Justiciariis pacis in Com' prædict' facta sive capta (Et nondum terminata) inspiciendum: Ac ad Processus inde versus omnes Et singulos sic indictatos, vel quos coram vobis in posterum indictari contigerit (quousque capiantur, reddant se, vel utlagentur) faciendum Et continuandum: Et ad omnia Et singula Felonias, Veneficia, Incantationes, Sortilegia, Artes magicas, Transgressiones, Forstallarias, Regratarias, Ingrossarias, Extortiones, Conventicula, Indictamenta prædicta ceteraque omnia Et singula præmissa, secundum Leges Et Statuta Regni nostri Angliæ (prout in bujusmodi casu fieri consuevit aut debuit) Audiendum Et Terminandum; Et ad eosdem delinquentes Et quemlibet eorum pro delictis suis, per Fines, Redemptiones, Amerciamenta, Forisfacturas, ac alio modo (prout secundum Legem Et Consuetudinem Regni nostri Angliæ, aut formam Ordinationum vel Statutorum prædictorum fieri consuevit aut debuit) castigandum Et puniendum.

Proviso semper quod si casus difficultatis super determinatione aliquorum præmissorum coram vobis, vel aliquibus duobus,

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bus, vel pluribus vestrum evenire contigerit; tunc ad Iudicium inde reddendum, nisi in presentia unius Iusticiariorum nostrorum de uno vel de altero Banco, aut Iusticiariorum nostrorum ad Assisas in Com' predict' capiendas assignatorum, coram vobis, vel aliquibus duobus vel pluribus vestrum, minime procedatur.

Et ideo vobis & cuilibet vestrum mandamus, quod circa custodiam Pacis, ordinationum, Statutorum, & omnium & singulorum ceterorum premissorum diligenter intendatis. Et ad certos dies & loca quæ vos vel aliqui huiusmodi, duo vel plures vestrum (ut predictum est) ad hæc provideritis super premissis faciatis Inquisitionem & premissa omnia & singula audiat & terminetis, ac ea faciatis & expleatis in forma predicta facturi inde quod ad Iustitiam pertinet, secundum Legem & consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ: Salvis nobis Amerciamentis, & aliis ad nos inde Spectantibus.

Mandamus etiam tenore presentium Vicecomiti nostro Bedford' quod ad certos dies & loca (quæ vos vel aliqui huiusmodi, duo vel plures vestrum, ut predictum est, ei, ut predictum est, sciri feceritis) venire faciat coram nobis, vel huiusmodi duobus vel pluribus vestrum (ut dictum est) tot & tales probos & legales homines de Balliva sua (tam infra Libertates [quam extra) per quos rei veritas

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in præmissis melius sciri poterit & inquiri.

Assignavimus denique te præfatum

Militem,

Cust' Roi' Pacis nostræ in dicto Comitatu nostro. Ac propierea tu, ad dies & loca prædicta, Brevia, Processus, & Indictamenta prædicta, coram te & dictis sociis tuis venire facias, ut ea inspiciantur, & debito fine terminentur, sicut prædictum est. In cujus rei testimonium, &c. Datum, &c.

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GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God, &c. To our well-beloved and faithful, &c. [*The Commission is usually directed to the Lord Chancellor, Treasurer, and all Privy Counsellors, who are Justices of the Peace in every County of England, as well as to the Gentlemen of the proper County, and then goes on*].

K NOW ye that we have assigned you, and every one of you, jointly and severally, our Justices to keep our Peace in the County of *Bedford*; and to keep, and cause to be kept, all Ordinances

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ces and Statutes made for the Good of the Peace, and for Conservation of the same, and for the Quiet, Rule and Government of our People in all and every the Articles thereof, in our said County (as well within the Liberties as without) according to the Force, Form and Effect of the same; and to chastise and punish all Persons offending against the Form of those Ordinances or Statutes, or any of them, in the County aforesaid, as according to the Form of those Ordinances or Statutes shall be fit to be done: And to cause to come before you, or any of you, all those Persons who shall threaten any of the People in their Person, or in burning their Houses, to find sufficient Security for the Peace, or for the Good Behaviour towards Us and the People; and if they shall refuse to find such Security, then to cause them to be kept safe in Prison until they find such Security. We have also assigned you, and every two, or more of you (whereof any of you the said *A. B. C.* shall be one) our Justices to enquire by the Oath of good and lawful Men of the County aforesaid, by whom the Truth may be better known, of all and all Manner of Felonies, Witchcrafts, Inchantments, Sorceries, Magic Art, Trespases, Forestallings, Regratings, Ingrossings and Extortions whatsoever; and of all and singular other Misdeeds and Offences, of which Justices of Peace may or ought lawfully to enquire,

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by whomsoever and howsoever done or perpetrated, or which hereafter shall happen howsoever to be done or attempted in the County aforesaid ; and of all those who in the County aforesaid have either gone or ridden, or hereafter shall presume to go or ride in Companies with armed Force against the Peace, to the Disturbance of the People ; and also of all those who in like Manner have lain in wait, or hereafter shall presume to lie in wait to Maim or Kill our People ; and also of Innholders, and of all and singular other Persons who have offended or attempted, or hereafter shall presume to offend or attempt in the Abuse of Weights and Measures, or in the Sale of Victuals, against the Form of the Ordinances or Statutes, or any of them in that Behalf made for the common Good of *England*, and the People thereof in the County aforesaid ; and also of all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Stewards, Constables, Gaolers and other Officers whatsoever, who in the Execution of their Offices about the Premises, or any of them, have unlawfully demeaned themselves, or hereafter shall presume unlawfully to demean themselves, or have been or hereafter shall be careless, remiss, or negligent in the County aforesaid : And of all and singular Articles and Circumstances, and all other Things whatsoever, by whomsoever and howsoever done or perpetrated in the County aforesaid, or which hereafter shall

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happen howsoever to be done or attempted in any wise, more fully concerning the Truth of the Premisses, or any of them: And to inspect all Indictments whatsoever so before you, or any of you, taken or to be taken, or made or taken before others, late Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid, and not as yet determined; and to make and continue the Process thereupon against all and singular Persons so indicted, or which hereafter shall happen to be indicted before you, until they be apprehended, render themselves, or be outlawed: And to hear and determine all and singular the Felonies, Witchcrafts, Incantments, Sorceries, Magic Arts, Trespases, Forestallings, Regratings, Ingrossings, Extortions, unlawful Assemblies, Indictments aforesaid, and all and singular other the Premisses, according to the Laws and Statutes of *England*, as in like Case hath been used or ought to be done: And to chastise and punish the said Persons offending, and every of them for their Offences, by Fines, Ransoms, Amercements, Forfeitures, or otherwise, as ought and hath been used to be done, according to the Laws and Customs of *England*, or the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid.

Provided always, That if a Case of Difficulty upon the Determination of any of the Premisses shall happen to arise before you, or any two of you, or more of you, then

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then you, nor any two or more of you, do proceed to give Judgment therein, except it be in the Presence of one of the Justices of the one or other Bench, or Justices of Assises in the County aforesaid.

And therefore we command you and every of you, That you diligently intend the Keeping of the Peace, Ordinances, Statutes, and all and singular other the Premisses; and at certain Days and Places which you, or any such two, or more of you, as is aforesaid, shall in that Behalf appoint, ye make Inquiries upon the Premisses, and hear and determine all and singular the Premisses, and perform and fulfil the same in Form aforesaid, doing therein that which to Justice appertaineth, according to the Law and Custom of England: Saving to us the Amercements and other Things to us thereof belonging.

And we command, by Virtue of these Presents, the Sheriff of the said County of *Bedford*, that at certain Days and Places which you, or any such two or more of you, as aforesaid, shall make known to him, as aforesaid, he cause to come before you, or such two or more of you, as aforesaid, such and as many good and lawful Men of his Bailiwick (as well within Liberties as without) by whom the Truth in the Premisses may be the better known and inquired of.

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Lastly, We have assigned you the said
 Keeper of the
 Rolls of the Peace in the said County; and
 therefore you shall cause to be brought be-
 fore your self and your said Fellows, at
 the said Days and Places, the Writs, Pre-
 cepts, Processes and Indictments aforesaid,
 that the same may be inspected, and by a
 due Course determined, as aforesaid. In
 Witness whereof, &c.

And we command, by Virtue of these
 Presents, the Sheriff of the said County
 of Bedford, that at certain Days and
 Places which you, or any lack two or
 more of you, as aforesaid, shall make
 known to him, as aforesaid, he cause to
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 better known and inspected.

The OATH of a Justice of Peace, concerning his Office.

YOU shall swear, that in the Office Oath of a Justice of Peace, in and for the County of Bedford, in all and every Peace the Articles in his Majesty's Commission enjoined and to you directed, you will do equal Right to the Rich and Poor after your Cunning, Wit and Power, and after the Laws and Customs of the Realm, and Statutes thereof made. You shall not be of Counsel to any Person, in any Quarrel depending before you: You shall hold your Sessions according to the Directions of the Statutes in that Case made; and the Issues, Fines and Amercements that shall happen to be made, and all Forfeitures which shall fall before you, you shall cause to be entered without any Concealment (or imbezilling) and truly send and account for them to the King's Exchequer. You shall not spare any one for Gift or other Cause, nor take any thing for your Office of Justice of the Peace to be done, but the Fees and Allowances accustomed and fixed by Acts of Parliament. You shall not direct, nor cause to be directed, any Warrant by you to be made, to the Parties themselves, but to the Bailiffs

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liffs and Constables, &c. of the said County, or other the King's Officers or indifferent Persons, to execute the same; and in all Things you shall well and truly do and execute the Office of a Justice of the Peace.

So help you God.

Allegiance.

Alehouses.

License to an Alehouse-Keeper.

Bed. ff. **W**E, his Majesty's Justices of Peace for the said County of Bedford, whose Hands and Seals are heretunto set (*Quor. un.*) do allow and licence Robert Ames, of the Crown in Northill in the said County, to keep a Common Alehouse or Victualling-house, and to utter and sell Bread and other Victuals, Beer, Ale, or other Excisable Liquors, by Retail, in the same House wherein he now dwelleth, as aforesaid, and not elsewhere, for the Space of one whole Year next ensuing the Date hereof, or until the next General Licensing of Victuallers for the said County, so as the true Assise in his Bread, Beer, Ale, and other Excisable Liquors be duly kept, and no unlawful Games, Drunkenness, or any other Disorder suffer'd in his House, Yard, Garden, or Backside, but that good

5 & 6 Ed.
6. c. 25.

2 Inst.
Quor. un.

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Order and Rule be maintain'd therein, according to the Laws of this Realm in that Behalf made and provided, for the due Observance whereof the said Victualler hath now enter'd into Recognizance with Sureties, according to the Statute. Given under our Hands and Seals this Tenth Day of *April*, 1729. and in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France* and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Another Form of a License for keeping an Alehouse.

Bed. ss. **WE**, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, Justices of the Peace within the said County (*Quor. un.*) do hereby license and allow *Andrew Bull* of *Southwell*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Victualler, to keep a Common Alehouse or Victualling-house in the House wherein he now dwelleth, known by the Sign of the *Crown*, for the Space of one Year from the Date hereof, or until the next General Licensing of Victuallers for the said County, so as the said *Andrew Bull* do not suffer any unlawful Games to be used within his said House, and so as he do not entertain any Tipplers, Rogues or Vagabonds, but in all Things do keep good Order and Government therein,

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therein, according to the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant against an Alehouse-keeper without Licence.

To the Constables of Biggleswade in the County aforesaid, and to the Church-wardens there.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Thomas Palmer of Biggleswade aforesaid, Victualler, was this present Day lawfully Convicted before me of keeping a Common Alehouse in the said Parish of Biggleswade, not being thereunto lawfully Licensed, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided, by Reason whereof he hath forfeited to the Poor of the said Parish, the Sum of twenty Shillings: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require and authorise you, or one of you, to levy the said Forfeiture by distraining the Goods and Chattels of the said Thomas Palmer, and that you detain the same for the Use aforesaid. And in Default of Payment of the said Sum of twenty Shillings, within three Days after such Distress taken, that then you appraise and sell the same to satisfy the said Forfeiture: And if the said Thomas Palmer shall not have sufficient Goods

The first Conviction, either upon View, Confession or Oath of two Witnesses.

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Goods upon which the said 20s. may be levied as aforesaid, or shall not pay the same within six Days after the Date hereof, that then you the said Constables do openly Whip, or cause the said *Thomas Palmer* to be Whipped in the said Parish of *Biggleswade* for the said Offence: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to suppress an Alehouse.

To the Constables of the Parish of Clifton, in the said County of Bedford.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas we are credibly inform'd upon the Complaint of several Persons, that *Thomas Papworth* of *Clifton* aforesaid, Victualler, doth suffer rude and disorderly Persons to frequent his House in the said Parish of *Clifton*, being at this Time a Common Alehouse, wherein they usually commit many great Disorders, to the Disturbance of those who live near the said Place, we whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County (*Quor. unus*) do therefore think it convenient to discharge and put down the common Selling of Ale, Beer, and other Liquors in the said House: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to go to the House of the said

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said *Thomas Papworth*, in *Clifton* afore-
said, and to charge him from henceforth
not to sell or suffer to be sold any Beer,
Ale, or other Liquors in the said House;
and that you also cause the Sign of the
said House to be pulled down: And here-
of fail not. Given under our Hands and
Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy Money on Persons
for Tippling in an Alehouse.

To the Constables and Church-war-
dens of the Parish of Northill in
the said County.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas it hath been duly
prov'd before me, that *Tho-*
mas Papper of *Northill* afore said, La-
burer, *John Orsbourn* of the same, Bar-
ber, and *John King* of the same, Baker,
did, on the twenty-second Day of this Instant
August, remain and continue Drinking and
Tippling in a Common *Alehouse in *Nort-*
hill afore said, by Reason whereof they have
each of them forfeited three Shillings and
Four-pence for the Use of the Poor of the
said Parish: These are therefore to re-
quire you the afore said Constables and
Churchwardens, or some or one of you,
forthwith to levy, by Distress and Sale of
the respective Goods of the Persons above-
named, the Sum of three Shillings and
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ling-house,
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4 Jac. 1. Four-pence a-piece. If they shall neglect
 c. 5. or refuse to pay the same upon Demand,
 21 Jac. 1. and in Case of such Neglect or Refusal,
 c. 7. and if no sufficient Distress can be found
 One Ju- on which to levy the said respective For-
 fice. feitures, that then you, or some of you, set
 One Wit- the said Offenders in the Stocks, there
 nest. to remain for the Space of four Hours,
 and for your so doing this shall be your
 sufficient Warrant. Given under my Hand
 and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on
 an Alehouse-keeper for suffering
 one to sit tippling in his House.

To the Constables and Church-war-
 dens of the Parish of Warden in
 the said County.

1 Jac. c. 9. Bed. ff. **W** Hereas it hath been duly
 21 Jac. c. 7. proved before me this pre-
 1 Car. sent Day, that *Thomas Philips* of War-
 c. 4. den aforesaid, Victualler, did, upon the
 twenty-seventh Day of *August* last past,
 permit and suffer *John Smith* and *Jos.
 King*, both of the said Parish of *Warden*,
 to remain and continue drinking and tip-
 pling in the Alehouse of the said *Thomas
 Philips*, in the Parish aforesaid, contrary
 to the Form of the Statutes in that Case
 made and provided: These are therefore
 to require you the said Constables and
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Church wardens, or any of you, to levy, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Thomas Philips*, the Sum of 10 s. for the said Offence, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, and to detain the said Goods for the Space of six Days next after such Distress taken, if the said Forfeiture of 10 s. shall not be paid to you within that Time, and that afterwards you appraise and sell the said Goods to satisfy the said Forfeiture, rendring the Surplusage to the Owner: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, *Geo.*

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stice.
One Wit-
ness.

Commitment of an Alehouse-keeper for want of a Distress.

To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in and for the said County.

Bed. II. **W**Hereas upon the Tenth Day of this Instant *August*, it was duly proved before me, that *Thomas Peters* of *Potton* aforesaid, Victualler, did, upon the Tenth Day of *July* last past, suffer *James Smith* and *John King*, both of *Potton* aforesaid, to remain and continue drinking and tippling in the Alehouse of the said *Thomas Peters*, in *Potton* aforesaid, contrary to the Form of the Statutes in that Case made and provided. And whereas
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on the said Tenth Day of *August*, I did by my Warrant require the Constables and Church-wardens of the said Parish of *Porton*, or some of them, to levy the Sum of ten Shillings upon the Goods and Chattels of the said *Thomas Peters*, being forfeited by him, to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, for the said Offence. And whereas I have been since credibly certified by *Henry Draper*, Constable of *Porton* aforesaid, that the said *Thomas Peters* hath not sufficient Goods and Chattels upon which any Distress may be taken to satisfy the said Forfeiture: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *Thomas Peters*, and to convey him safely to the Gaol aforesaid, together with this Warrant; and you the said Keeper are hereby required safely to keep and detain the said *Thomas Peters* in your Custody until the said ten Shillings shall be duly paid for the Use and Purpose aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Warrant to levy the Penalty on an Alehouse-keeper for selling Ale in short Measure.

To the Constable of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Thomas Palmer of Potton aforesaid, Innkeeper, was, on the Day of the Date hereof, duly convicted before me of selling Ale in his House in the said Parish of Potton, on the twenty-second Day of February last, to John Orsbourn of Sutton, in the said County of Bedford, Labourer, in a Vessel not made, sized and equalled according to the Standard for the Measure of Ale, remaining in the Custody of the Chamberlain of his Majesty's Exchequer, or in Proportion thereunto, nor signed, stamped or marked to contain an Ale-Quart, according to the said Standard: These are therefore to require you to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said Thomas Palmer, the Sum of 10 s. and that you pay one Moiety thereof to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor thereof, and

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One Witness.
One Justice.
Not less than 10 s.
or exceeding 2 l.

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and the other Moiety to *Thomas Munns*, who prosecuted for the same. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture on an Alehouse-keeper for not paying the Excise.

To the Constables of the Parish of Luton in the said County of Bedford.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been made before us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, that *Abraham Brotherton* of your Parish, Alehouse-keeper, hath not paid or clear'd off his Duty of Excise from the First of *July* last, to the Twelfth of this Instant *August*, unto the Persons appointed by the Acts of Parliament in that behalf made, whereby he hath forfeited double the Value of the said Duty unpaid: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of thirty Shillings upon the Goods and Chattels of the said *Abraham Brotherton*, being double the Value of the Duty so not paid, and by him forfeited as aforesaid, and to sell the said Goods and Chattels in Case they shall not be redeemed in fourteen Days; and that you pay the Monies so levied

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lices.*

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vied to such Person or Persons, as by the Statute in that Case made is directed, rendring unto the said *Abraham Brotherton* the Overplus: (if any be) And for Want of such Distress, that you do acquaint us therewith, that we may further proceed as the Law directs and appoints. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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Warrant to levy the Penalty for refusing to receive an Apprentice.

To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Southill, in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.

W Hereas *Ralph Jackson*, a poor Male Child, was by the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Clifton*, in the County aforesaid, by and with the Assent of *Robert Brown* and *William Newton*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County (*Quor. un.*) lately placed and bound by Indenture as an Apprentice to *Thomas Pierson* of *Southill* aforesaid, Weaver, to 8 & 9 dwell with him from the Date of the said Will. 3. Indenture, until the said *Ralph Jackson* c. 30. should

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Apprentices.

*Two Ju-
stices.*

*Proof by a
Church-
warden or
Overseer,
on Oath.*

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the Offence
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should attain his Age of Twenty-four Years, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided. And whereas *John Orsborne*, one of the Church-wardens of the said Parish of *Clifton*, hath made Oath before us that the said *Thomas Pierson* doth refuse to receive the said *Ralph Jackson*, and provide for him as by Law he ought to do, and doth also refuse to Seal a Counterpart of the said Indenture: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require and authorise you the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Southill* aforesaid, and either of you, to levy the Sum of 10*l.* by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *Thomas Pierson*, for the Use of the Poor of your said Parish of * *Southill*: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to bring a disorderly Apprentice and his Master before a Justice.

To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford.

Bed. ss. **W**Hereas Complaint hath been made before me by *Thomas Palmer* of *Potton* aforesaid, Taylor, that *John Orsbourn*, now an Apprentice to him, is a stubborn and disorderly Servant, and

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and doth very much misbehave himself 5 Eliz.
towards his said Master: These are there- c. 4.
fore, in his Majesty's Name, to command *He may be*
you to bring both the said Master and his *sent to the*
Apprentice before me, or some other of *House of*
his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this *Correction.*
County, to be examined concerning the *One Ju-*
Premises, and that such Order and Direc- *stice.*
tion may be taken therein, as to Justice
shall appertain. Given under my Hand
and Seal, &c.

Warrant on the Complaint of an Apprentice.

*To the Constables of Southill in the
said County of Bedford.*

Bed. ss. **W**Hereas Complaint hath been
made before me, by *Robert*
Johnson, Apprentice to *Robert Newton*,
of the Parish of *Southill* in the County of
Bedford, Weaver, that the said *Robert*
Newton doth not allow unto his said Ap-
prentice, sufficient Meat, Drink and Ap-
parel, but hath often immoderately cor-
rected him without any just Cause, &c.
These are therefore, in his Majesty's 5 Eliz.
Name, to command you to bring forth c. 4.
the said Master and his Apprentice before *One Ju-*
me, or some other of his Majesty's Justi- *stice.*
ces of the Peace for this County, to be
examined concerning the Premises, and
that

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that such Order and Direction may be taken therein as to Justice shall appertain. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Or Mayor *This Warrant must be made by the Justice where the Master dwelleth; and if*
 or Head- *the Justice cannot reconcile them, he may*
 Officer of *bind the Master over to next Sessions,*
 Corpora- *where four Justices (Quor. un.) may dis-*
 tion. *charge the Apprentice under their Hands*
 and Seals.

Discharge of an Apprentice.

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 stices,
 Quor. un.

Bed. ff. **W**E, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, four of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid (*Quor. un.*) having heard and examined the Matter in Difference between *Robert Johnson* an Apprentice, and *Robert Newton* of *Southill* in the County aforesaid, Weaver, his Master, and it appearing to us that the said *Robert Newton* hath not allowed his said Apprentice sufficient Meat, &c. and hath several Times beaten him very immoderately, without any just Occasion: We do therefore, for the Causes aforesaid, discharge the said *Robert Johnson* from his said Apprenticeship, and do hereby, under our respective Hands and Seals, pronounce and declare, that the said *Robert Johnson* is discharged from being any longer an Apprentice

Apprentices. Artificers.

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prentice to his said Master. Witness our Hands and Seals, &c.

This Discharge must be enrolled by the Clerk of the Peace, or Town-Clerk, which shall be good against the Master, his Executors and Administrators.

Artificers.

Warrant to apprehend an Artificer going to leave the Kingdom.

To the Constables of Dunstable in the said County of Bedford.

Bed. ss. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been Geo. 1.
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this Day made before me,
that *Adam Baker*, of your Parish, hath contracted, or is preparing to go out of his Majesty's Dominions, to exercise his Art or Trade of a Clock-maker, and teach it to Foreigners, contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to command you to apprehend the said *Adam Baker*, and bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the said Complaint, and be proceeded against according to Law. One Justice. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Artificers. Bastards.

Offender to be bound over to the Assizes
or Quarter-Sessions.

Bastards.

Examination of one with Child of
a Bastard

18 Eliz.
c. 3.

Bed. ff. **T**HE Examination of *Anne Bell*, single Woman, taken before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, this Thirtieth Day of *January, Anno Dom. 1718.*

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sti.

This Examinant, upon her Oath, deposeth and saith that she is a hired Servant to *Edward Brown* of *Potton*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Cordwainer, at the yearly Wages of three Pounds per Ann. and has continued in her said Service from the first Day of *January, Anno Dom. 1715.* to this Time: And further saith that in the Month of *July* last, as she, this Examinant, was making one of her Master's Beds in a Back-room, one *George Hill*, Barber, living next Door to her said Master's House, came into the said Back-room to her, no other Person being present, and promising great Kindness to her, prevail'd with

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with her, and then had the Carnal Knowledge of her Body, once on the said Bed, and has had the same three several times since, and at one of the said Times, he the said *George Hill* got her with Child of the Bastard with which she is now pregnant, and near the Time of her Delivery: And this Examinant farther deposeth that the said *George Hill*, and no other Person, is the true Father of the said Bastard with which she is now Pregnant, as aforesaid.

Jur' die 8 Anno supradicti
Coram me,

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Mittimus of the Mother of a Bastard to the House of Correction.

To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.

Bed. J. **W**Hereas *Anne Bell* of *Potton* 7 Jac. 1. aforesaid, single Woman, c. 4

hath lately been delivered in the said Parish, of a Female Bastard-Child, yet living, and chargeable to the said Parish, and likely so to continue: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and

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either of you, to apprehend the said *Anne Bell*, and her safely to convey to the House of Correction aforesaid, and to deliver her to the Keeper thereof, together with this Precept: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Anne Bell* into your Custody, and there to punish her, and to set her at Work for, and during the Space of one whole Year next ensuing, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided: And hereof fail not, at your respective Perils. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend the reputed Father of a Bastard-Child.

*To the Constables and Headborough
of the Parish of Potton in the said
County of Bedford.*

Bed. J. **W**HEREAS on the Examination of *Anne Bell*, single Woman, taken this Day before me, on Oath, it appears that she is now with Child of a Bastard, which when born, is likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of *Potton*: And whereas on the Examination of the said *Anne Bell*, on Oath before me, she the said *Anne Bell* did charge *George Hill* of *Potton* aforesaid, Barber, to have begotten the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require

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quire and authorise you, and every of you, to apprehend the said *George Hill*, and bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be farther dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Rice.*

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3 Car. I.

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Mittimus of the reputed Father to
the Gaol, for want of Sureties.

*To the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol
in and for the said County of
Bedford, or to his Deputy there,
and to the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Potton in the said County.*

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas *James Langford* of *Potton* aforesaid, Labourer, was brought before me this Day, and charged by *Anne Farmer* of *Potton* aforesaid, single Woman, to have gotten her with Child, which Child, when born, will be a Bastard: And whereas the said *James Langford* hath refused to find Security for his Appearance at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be held for this County, to answer unto the said Charge: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *James Langford*, and convey him to the said Gaol: And

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stice.

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3 Car. 1.

c. 4.

you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *James Langford* into your Custody, and him safely to keep in your said Gaol until he shall be thence delivered by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to bring the reputed Father and Mother and Witnesses before Justices.

To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford.

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Bed. ss. **W**Hereas *Anne Farmer* of *Potton* afore said, single Woman, hath lately been delivered of a Male Bastard-Child, yet living and likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of *Potton*: And whereas the said *Anne Farmer* hath charged *James Langford* of *Potton* afore said, to have begotten the said Child on her Body: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to bring the said *James Langford* before us on *Wednesday* the 25th Day of this Instant *September*, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning of the same Day, at the House of *John Greatrex* in *Potton* afore said Innkeeper, to be examined concerning the Premises, and that you give Notice to the said *Anne Farmer* of the Time and

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and Place aforesaid, that she may be there also present, and that you likewise give Notice to *Matthew Adams*, Carpenter, and *Samuel Williams*, Shoemaker, both of *Sutton* in the said County of *Bedford*, that they appear at the Time and Place aforesaid, to testify what they know concerning the Premises, to the End that such Order may be made therein as to Justice doth appertain, and that you certify unto us what you have done in the Execution of this Precept, at the Time and Place aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Order of two Justices for the Maintenance of a Bastard.

Bed. ss. **T**HE Order of *Henry Johnson* and *Robert Bigg*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, (*Quor. un.*) and both now residing within the Limits where the Parish-Church of *Potton* in the County aforesaid standeth, the 25th Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord 1729. concerning a Male Bastard-Child, lately born in the said Parish of *Potton*, of the Body of *Anne Farmer* of *Potton* aforesaid, single Woman, which Bastard-Child, ever since its Birth, hath been and is still chargeable to the said Parish, and is likely so to continue. 18 Eliz. c. 3.

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3 Car. 1.
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First, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premisses, taken upon Oath before us, and due Consideration thereof, we do adjudge *James Langford* of *Potton* aforesaid, Labourer, to be the putative Father of the said Bastard-Child: And we do also order, that as well for the Relief of the said Parish of *Potton* in Part, as also for the Provision and Maintenance of the said Bastard-Child, that he the said *James Langford* shall weekly and every Week from the Time of the Birth of the said Child, and so long as the same shall or may be Chargeable to the said Parish of *Potton*, pay or cause to be paid to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, for the Time being, the Sum of 2 s. for and towards the Maintenance of the said Child. And farther we do hereby order that the said *Anne Farmer* shall every Week, for so long Time as the said Child shall be chargeable as aforesaid, and she shall not keep the same, pay, or cause to be paid to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton*, for the Time being, Six-pence for and towards the farther Maintenance of the said Child. And lastly, we order that the said *James Langford* do, upon Sight of this our Order, forthwith give sufficient Security to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, well and truly to perform so much thereof as doth concern the said

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James Langford, and which, on his Part, is hereby ordered to be done and performed. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Order to seise the Goods and Rents of one who left his Bastard on the Parish.

To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Warden in the said County, and to every of them.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas it appeareth unto us, ^{14 Car. 2. c. 12.} upon the Complaint of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Warden* aforesaid, that *John Lord*, the reputed Father of a Bastard-Child, lately born in the said Parish, is departed from his usual Place of Abode, and hath left the said Child upon the Charge of the aforesaid Parish, though he hath a sufficient Estate to discharge and indemnify the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to seise and take so much of the Goods and Chattels of the said *John Lord*, and to receive so much of his Rents yearly issuing out of his Lands, as will amount to the Sum of three Pounds, which we do hereby appoint you to receive, for and towards the Discharge of ^{Two Justices.}

of the said Parish, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and Provided. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Bond from the reputed Father of a Bastard, to the Churchwardens and Overseers, with Sureties.

NOverint universi per presentes Nos Will' Bell de Potton in Com' Bed' Labourer, Carolum Bull de Northill in Com' præd' Barber & Ed'rum Finch de Northill præd' Inn-keeper, teneri & firmiter obligari Georgio Hill Baker & John King Butcher, guardianis Ecclesie Paroch' de Clifton in Com' Bed' præd' & Thomæ Austin Draper, & Joh. Smith Gen' supervisoribus pauperum de eadem Paroch' in quadraginta libris leg'lis monet' Magn' Britan' solvend' eisdem guardianis & supervisoribus pauperum aut eorum alteri sive eorum certi Attornat' successoribus vel Assignat' suis Ad quam quidem solutionem bene & fideliter faciend' obligamus nos & quemlibet n'rum per se pro toto & in solido Heredes Executores & Administratores n'ros & cujuslibet n'rum firmit' per presentes sigillis n'ris sigillat' Dat' vicesimo die Julii Anno r'ni D'ni n'ri Georgii Secund' Dei Gra' Magn' Britan' Franc' & Hib'nae Regis fidei Defensor', &c. tertio Annoq; D'ni, 1729.

Condi-

Condition to indemnify the Parish.

THE Condition of this Obligation is such, That whereas *Mary Brown* of *Potton* aforesaid, single Woman, hath of late been delivered of a Male Child, within the said Parish of *Potton*, of which Child the above bound *William Bell*, according to Law, stands charged to be the reputed Father; if therefore the said *William Bell*, *Charles Bull* and *Edward Finch*, or any of them, their or any of their Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, do from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, clearly and fully acquit, discharge and save Harmless, as well the above-named *George Hill*, *John King*, *Thomas Austin* and *John Smith*, the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, and their Successors, for the Time being, as also all other the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish, which now or hereafter shall be (for the Time being) and every of them, of and from all and all Manner of Costs, Charges, Trouble and Incumbrances whatsoever, for or by Reason of the Birth, Education, Maintenance, Nourishing and Bringing up of the said Child, and of and from all other Actions, Suits, Charges, Troubles and Demands whatsoever, touching or concerning the

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same, That then this present Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force.

Warrant to apprehend one for having a Bastard born.

To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.

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Bed. ss. **W**Hereas Complaint hath been made before me by *Stephen Wellstead* Church-warden of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, and *Henry Rugely* Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, that *Mary Nicholls*, single Woman, hath been delivered of a Male Bastard-Child in your said Parish, which is likely to become chargeable to the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you and either of you, to bring the said *Mary Nicholls* before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 26th Day of *July* 1728.

Warrant

Bawdy-houses.

Warrant to apprehend a Person
keeping a House of ill Fame.

*To the Constables of Biggleswade in
the said County of Bedford.*

Bed. ss. **W**Hereas Complaint hath been
made before me, that *John
Driver* of your said Parish, keeps a Pub-
lick House of ill Fame, and that lewd
Women frequently resort thither, with
Men of dissolute Lives, to the great En-
couragement of Vice and Debauchery:
These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you to
bring the said *John Driver* before me,
or some other of his Majesty's Justices of
the Peace for this County, to answer the
Premisses, and to be further dealt with
according to Law. Given under my Hand
and Seal, &c.

Brandy.

Brandy.

A License to sell Brandy.

Bed. ss. **WE**, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, whose Names are hereunto subscribed (*Quor. un.*) do allow and license *John Brooks* of *Biggleswade* in the said County, Shopkeeper, to sell Brandy or other distill'd Liquors by Retail, to be drank in the same House wherein the said *John Brooks* now dwelleth, and not elsewhere, for the Space of one whole Year next ensuing the Date hereof, or until the next general Licensing of Sellers of Brandy or other distill'd Liquors for the said County, so as no unlawful Games, Drunkenness, or any other Disorder be suffered in the House, Yard, Garden, or Backside of the said *John Brooks*, but that good Order and Rule be maintained therein, according to the Laws of this Realm made and provided in that Behalf: For the due Observance whereof, the said *John Brooks* hath now entered into Recognizance with Sureties, according to the Statute. Given under our Hands and Seals this 3d Day of *September* 1730. and in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second,

Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Bridges.

Warrant to the High Constable, &c. to make a Tax for Repairs of a Bridge, pursuant to an Order made at the Sessions.

To Andrew Barber, Constable of the Hundred of Clifton in the said County aforesaid, and to Charles Driver and Edward Fowler, Inhabitants of the said Hundred, and every of them.

Bed. ss. **W** Hereas at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace 22 H. 8. c. 5. held for the County aforesaid, at Bedford, on the 3d Day of June last past, the Grand Jury presented the Bridge called *Four Firsford-Bridge*, in the Parish of *Sandy Stices*, in the said County, to be in Decay and out of Repair, and the said Decays and Reparations were then and there ordered to be amended and made good at the Charge of the County: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constable and Inhabitants aforesaid, that you do immediately, Quor. un.
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upon Receipt of this Precept, make a Taxation on all and every the Inhabitants of the Hundred or Division of *Clifton* aforesaid, for the raising the Sum of seven Pounds, to be applied towards the repairing of the Bridge aforesaid, and that you do bring the said Tax fairly written and subscribed by you, or some of you, unto us, at the *Crown* in *Northill*, on *Friday* next, for our Approbation, that we may further proceed therein as to Justice doth belong. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to collect the Rate and Taxation for a Bridge.

To John Orsbourn and Thomas Bradley, *Inhabitants of the Hundred of Clifton in the said County of Bedford.*

21 H. 8.
c. 5.

Bed. ff. **W**Hereas at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, held at *Bedford* on *Monday* the 5th Day of *May* last past, the Bridge called *Girford-Bridge*, situate in *Sandy*, in the County aforesaid, was presented by the Grand Jury to be in Decay and out of Repair, and the Decays and Reparations of the said Bridge were by the said Court ordered to be amended and made good at the Charge of the County: And whereas we have

have lately issued out our Warrant to the High Constable of *Clifton*, to make a Taxation on all and every of the Inhabitants in the said Hundred, for raising the Sum of seven Pounds towards the repairing of the said Bridge; and the said Constable hath this Day, pursuant to our said Warrant, brought to us an Assessment or Tax on the Inhabitants of the said Hundred, and we have, on Perusal thereof, allowed the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to collect the several Sums of Money mentioned in the said Taxation, which is hereto annex'd, on the several Persons therein specified: And that you do pay the same unto *James Fisher*, Gent. whom we have appointed General Receiver of the said Monies, to be raised for the Purpose aforesaid, first deducting thereout the Sum of ten Shillings, by us allowed unto you for your Care and Pains in collecting and paying the same; and in Case of Refusal or Neglect of Payment, by any of the Persons of the particular Sums on them respectively taxed, that then you do certify unto us the Name or Names of the Person or Persons so refusing, with all convenient Speed. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to levy the Taxation by
Distress, where it is refused Pay-
ment.

*To the Constable of the Parish of
Biggleswade in the said County.*

22 H. 8.
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Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been
made before us by *John Os-
bourn* and *Thomas Bradley* of *Biggleswade*
aforesaid, who were duly appointed to
collect the Monies imposed upon the Hun-
dred of *Clifton*, for and towards repairing
of the Bridge called *Girford-Bridge* in
the County aforesaid, that *Charles Driver*
and *Edward Fowler*, both of *Biggleswade*
aforesaid, within the said Hundred of
Clifton, have refused to pay the respective
Sums of two Shillings, which they were
severally taxed for the Purpose aforesaid,
though the same was legally demanded :
These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require you to give Notice to
the said *Charles Driver* and *Edward
Fowler*, to come before us to answer the
Premises ; and if they refuse so to do,
that then you do levy the several Sums
aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of the se-
veral Goods of the said *Charles Driver*
and *Edward Fowler*. Given under our
Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Buttons.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for
wearing Cloth-Buttons on Clothes.

*To the Constables of the Parish of
Sandy in the said County of Bed-
ford.*

Bed. ss. **W** Hereas Information hath this 7 Geo. 1.
Day been made on Oath c. 12.
before me, one of his Majesty's Justices
of the Peace for this County, by *Charles
Dawson* of *Biggleswade* in the said Coun-
ty of *Bedford*, that *Edward Fisber* of
your said Parish of *Sandy*, Gentleman,
hath lately worn and continues to wear one
Cloth Suit of Clothes, with Buttons made
of Cloth, contrary to a Statute in that Case
made: These are therefore, in his Ma-
jesty's Name, to require and authorise
you to levy by Distress and Sale of the
Goods of the said *Edward Fisber*, the
Sum of eight Pounds, the Penalty he hath
forfeited for the said Offence, pursuant to
the said Statute, being after the Rate of
forty Shillings *per* Dozen for the Buttons
of the Clothes so worn; one Moiety where-
of you are to pay to the said *Charles
Dawson* the Informer, on whose Oath the
said *Edward Fisber* was convicted of the
said

Buttons. Carriages.

said Offence; and the other Moiety apply to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Sandy* aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Carriages.

Warrant to impress Carriages for his Majesty's Service.

To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.

- ¹ Geo. 1. *Bed. ff.* **T**HESE are, in his Majesty's
^{c. 3.} Name, to require and au-
² Geo. 2. thorise you, on the Sight hereof, to im-
³ Geo. 2. press one Waggon, with six able Horses,
 and two able Men to drive the same, with
 Cart Ladders, Ropes, and all other ne-
 cessary Accoutrements, and to be at the
Sun Inn in Biggleswade aforesaid, on *Mon-*
day next by Six of the Clock precisely,
 there to receive the heavy Baggage of Co-
 lonel *Biggs*, to be thence conveyed to the
 Town of *Stevenage* in the County of
Hertford; and hereof fail not at your Pe-
 rils. Given under my Hand and Seal,
 &c.

Warrant

Warrant to provide Carriages for the Service of the Navy.

*To the Constables of the Hundred of
Wixamtree in the County of Bed-
ford.*

Bed. ss. **W** Hereas we have receiv'd No-
tice in Writing from the
Lord High Admiral [Lord Commis-
sioners of the Admiralty, or two or more of
the principal Officers of his Majesty's Na-
vy, or Master, or Lieutenants of his Ma-
jesty's Ordnance] for providing Carriages
for the Service of his Majesty's Ordnance:
These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you and
every of you, that you, some or one of
you, do cause to be sent out of the Pa-
rishes of *Cople* and *Corringtoc*, within your
Hundred, unto *Biggleswade* in the County
aforesaid, three sufficient Carriages, on
Monday next ensuing, furnished with a
sufficient Number of good and able Horses
or Oxen, for the Service aforesaid, accor-
ding to the Acts of Parliament in that
Case made. Given under our Hands and
Seals, &c.

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Warrant

Warrant for Delivery of Horses seised to the Seisor, for travelling with Waggon contrary to Law.

To the Constables of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford.

5 Geo. 1.
c. 12.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas *Adam Baker* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, hath made Oath before me, that *Charles Dawson*, Wagoner, on *Monday* last past, in the Highway leading from *Biggleswade* aforesaid, to *Baldock* in the County of *Hertford*, travell'd with a Waggon drawn with five Horses* the Wheels whereof were bound with Tire, not of the Breadth of two Inches and an Half, as a late Act of Parliament directs, whereby he hath forfeited all the Horses above the Number of Three, and the same have been seised and delivered over to the aforesaid Constable of *Biggleswade*: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the aforesaid Constables, to redeliver the Horses above-mentioned to be forfeited, being two in Number, and all the Geers, &c. to the said *Adam Baker*, the Seisor, for his sole Use, he paying the reasonable Charges for keeping, &c. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

* Or travell'd with a Waggon drawn by eight Horses, where-by he hath forfeited all the Horses above six.

Warrant

Churches.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for making a Disturbance in the Church; and abusing the Minister.

To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford.

Bed. ss. **W**Hereas *Adam Bell* of *Biggleswade* afore said, and *Charles Dawson* of the same, have made Oath before me, that *Edward Fisher* of your Parish, on *Sunday* the 3^d Day of this Instant *July*, went into the Parish-Church of *Biggleswade* afore said, and there, in Time of Divine Service, made a great Noise and Disturbance, calling *George Hill* of *Biggleswade* afore said, Rascal, and other unbecoming Names, and bidding him get him gone out of the said Church, as having no Business there, to the Interruption of Divine Service, and that the said *Edward Fisher* was Guilty also of indecent and irreverent Language to Mr. *James Lawrence*, Rector of the said Church, who was then and there discharging his Duty, and other Misdemeanors, tending to the Breach of the Peace, and the Contempt of Religion: These are therefore,

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One Ju-
stice.
Two Wit-
nesses.

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Churches. Constables.

in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Edward Fisher*, if he be in your Parish, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer what is objected against him as aforesaid; and that you do require the said *Edward Fisher* to bring with him two sufficient Sureties to enter into a Recognizance for his Appearance at the next General Quarter-Sessions, to be prosecuted according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Constables.

Warrant to the High Constables to warn the Petty Constables to bring in their Presentments, and warn Alehouse-keepers to take out Licences.

To the Chief Constables of the Hundred of Clifton in the County of Bedford, and to either of them.

Bed. ss. **T**HESE are, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, on Sight hereof, to issue out your Precepts, under your respective Hands, to all and every the Petty Constables within your Hundred, that they be and appear

Constables.

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appear before us and other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, on *Tuesday* the Seventh Day of *October* next, by Eleven of the Clock in the Morning, at the *Crown* in *Northill*, at a Petty Sessions, then and there to be held, and that they give Notice to all and every such Innkeepers, who have no Licences, that they personally appear, with sufficient Sureties, and take out Licences, otherwise they will be severally prosecuted as the Law directs; and that the said Petty Constables do then and there bring in their Bills of Presentments, under their respective Hands, against all Offenders against the known Laws of this Realm. Given under our Hands and Seals this 30th Day of *September*, 1729.

Warrant to the High Constables to summon the Petty Constables to give Notice to Shopkeepers and others that sold Brandy after the 24th of *June* 1729. to appear at the Petty Sessions.

To the Chief Constables of the Hundred of Clifton in the said County of Bedford, and to either of them.

Bed. S. THESE are, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, on Sight hereof, to issue out your

2 Geo. 2. Precepts under your respective Hands, to
 cap. all and every the Petty Constables, there-
 by commanding them to give Notice to all
 Shopkeepers and others, within their se-
 veral and respective Towns and Parishes
 in your Hundred, who have since the four
 and twentieth Day of *June*, sold or shall
 sell any Brandy or other Distill'd Liquors,
 by Retail, to be drank in his, her, or their
 House or Houses, that they be and ap-
 pear before us and other of his Majesty's
 Justices of the Peace for this County, at
 a Petty Sessions, to be held at the *Crown*
 in *Noribill*, on *Monday* the 14th Day of
 this Instant *July*, by Eleven of the Clock
 in the Morning, then and there to take
 out Licences for that Purpose, according to
 the Statute in that Case lately made, in the
 same Manner as common Alehouse-keep-
 ers, subject to such Rules, Penalties and
 Forfeitures, are for selling Drink without
 Licence. And that no Person hereafter
 can, by Law, have any Licence to keep a
 common Inn or Alehouse, or to Retail any
 Brandy or Strong Waters, but at a General
 Meeting of the Justices of the Peace, act-
 ing in the Division where the said Person
 dwells, and that all and every the Petty
 Constables, do then and there personally
 appear with their several Presentments,
 as usual, and give Notice to the Justices
 of the Time and Place of Meeting: And
 you are personally to appear and make a
 due Return of this Precept. Given under
 our Hands and Seals this Third Day of
July 1729. High

Constables.

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High Constable's Precept.

*To the Constables of the Parish of
Warden in the County of Bedford,
and either of them.*

Bed. ff. **B**Y Virtue of a Warrant to me directed by Sir William Smyth, Knt. and Owen Thomas Broomsall, Esq; Justices of the Peace for the said County of Bedford, you are required and authorised to warn all and every the Alehouse-keepers and Victuallers, in your said Parish, personally to appear with their old Licences, before the said Sir William Smyth, Owen Thomas Broomsall, and others his Majesty's Justices of Peace for this County, at a Petty Sessions, to be held at the Crown in Northill, on Tuesday the 30th of this Instant April, by Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon precisely, to be then and there renew'd; and you are also required to produce a List of all the Christian and Surnames of all the Alehouse-keepers and Victuallers in your said Parish, and the Names of their several Signs, fairly Written by every Constable respectively, and subscribed: And you are also to warn the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of your said Parish, then and there to appear with their several Books, and pass their Accounts, and to

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bring in a List of a competent Number of Persons duly Qualified by Law, to be approved and appointed by the said Justices Overseers of the Poor, for the Year ensuing; and also a Copy of the Parish-Register of all Persons not buried in Woollen, according to the several Statutes in that Case made and provided. And you are also required to make a due Presentment, in Writing under your Hands, of all Offences against the known Laws of this Realm, and to bring me your Gaol and Hospital Tax: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Constable for taking Money to excuse the Quartering of Soldiers.

To the High Constables of the Hundred of Wixamtree in the said County of Bedford.

13 Geo. 1. *Bed. ss.* **W**Hereas *James Smyth*, Constable of the Parish of *Soushill* in the said County of *Bedford*, hath been convicted before me, of receiving from *Edward Fish*, Victualler, the Sum of 10s. to excuse him the said *Edward Fish* from Quartering of two Soldiers belonging to Captain *Carleton's* Company, in the Regiment of *Sir Thomas Davis*,
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Constables.

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contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said High Constables, and either of you, to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *James Smith*, the Sum of five Pounds, which he hath forfeited for the said Offence, and to pay the same to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Southill*, for the Use of the Poor there: And for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to make a Privy Search.

*To the Constables of the Parish of
Biggleswade in the County of Bedford.*

Bed. ss. **T**HESE are, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to call to your Assistance some sufficient Men of your Neighbourhood, and that one Night before the 10th Day of this Instant *May*, you make a Privy Search in all suspicious Places within your Precinct, to find out and apprehend Rogues, Vagabonds, and other suspicious Persons there, and that you cause such as you shall so find, to be brought before us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the
D 5 County

7 Jac. 1.
c. 4.

Constables. Conies.

County aforesaid, at the House of *James Orsbourn* of *Norhill*, in the said County, on *Thursday* the Tenth of *May* aforesaid, to be examined and punished, as we shall see Cause; and that you appear there likewise to give an Account touching the Premises. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for destroying of Conies in a Warren.

To the Constables of *Potton* in the County of *Bedford*, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.

22 & 23
Car. 2.
c. 25.

Bed. ff. **W**Hereas *Adam Bull* of *Potton* aforesaid, Blacksmith, hath this Day made Oath before me, that *Charles Dawson* of your Parish, Labourer, did on the 13th of this Instant *July*, about the Hours of Ten and Eleven at Night, enter the Borders of a Warren [or into a certain Ground] belonging to *Edward Fowler* of *Sandy* in the said County, Gent. situate in *Southill* in the said County, called by the Name of *Betts Warren*, and by him stocked with Conies, and then and there, with Nets and a little Dog, kill and destroy one Couple of Conies, contrary to the Statute in that Case made, where-
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by he hath forfeited a Sum of Money not exceeding 10s. at the Discretion of the Justice of the Peace before whom convicted: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Dawson*, the Sum of seven Shillings and Sixpence, which I do adjudge he hath forfeited for the Offence aforesaid; and if he hath no Goods or Chattels, whereof a sufficient Distress may be taken, or shall refuse to pay the said seven Shillings and Sixpence, then I do hereby require you to convey him to the House of Correction, in and for your said County: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him and keep him at hard Labour, for the Space of one Month. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

*Confession
or one Witness.
Prosecution
in a
Month.*

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Cottages.

Petition to Justices of Peace in the
Quarter-Sessions, for erecting of
a Cottage.

*To the worshipful the Justices of the
Peace, at the General Quarter-
Sessions of the Peace to be holden
in and for the County of Bedford,
on Monday the Fifth of Septem-
ber next.*

The Humble Petition of *Adam Bull* of
Biggleswade in the County aforesaid,
Labourer,

Sheweth,

37 Eliz.
c. 7.
43 Eliz.
c. 2.

THAT whereas your Petitioner, being
with his Wife and Children settled
as an Inhabitant of and in the said Parish
of *Biggleswade*, and at present destitute
of an Habitation, hath by Address made
to *William Brown*, Esq; Lord of the
Manor of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, obtained
his Consent, under his Hand and Seal, for
your Petitioner to erect and set up a Cot-
tage on the Waste, within the Parish of
Biggleswade aforesaid, for an Habitation
for himself and his Family, if an Order
of Sessions could be obtained for Confir-
mation

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mation thereof, as by the Paper hereto annexed doth appear.

MAY you therefore be pleased to grant unto your poor Petitioner the Order of this Court, whereby your said Petitioner may be enabled to set up a Cottage for an Habitation for himself and his Family, on some convenient Place on the Waste within the Manor of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, to be assigned by the said *William Brown* or his Steward. *And your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.*

The Lord's Consent to the erecting of a Cottage.

UPON the Petition of *Adam Bull*, 37 Eliz.
and the Certificate of the Inhabi- c. 7.
tants of the Parish of *Biggleswade* in the 43 Eliz.
County of *Bedford*, I do hereby give my c. 2.
Consent, being Lord of the Manor of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, that the said *Adam Bull*, shall and may erect and set up a Cottage for his Habitation, in some convenient Place, on the Waste within the Parish aforesaid, to be assigned by my Steward; provided that Order of Sessions be procured, according to Law, for Confirmation thereof. Witness my Hand and Seal, &c.

Custom

Custom-Duties.

Special Warrant to an Officer to make Search after and seize Coffee not entered.

To the Officer of the Inland Duties on Coffee, Tea and Chocolate, at the Town of Bedford in the County of Bedford.

10 Geo. 1.
c. 10.
*One Ju-
stice.*

Bed. J. **W** Hereas *Adam Bull*, Officer of the Inland Duties on Coffee, Tea and Chocolate, at the Town of *Bedford* aforesaid, hath made Complaint before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, that he the said *Adam Bull* hath just Cause to suspect *Edmund Fuller* of *St. Paul's Parish*, in the said Town of *Bedford*, Druggist, hath of late fraudulently concealed Coffee and Tea in his Dwelling-house in the said Parish, without making any Entry thereof, as the Statute directs; for that he the said *Edmund Fuller* hath been often seen to convey into his House, certain large Quantities of Goods, late at Night, after his Shop and others have been shut up, particularly on *Monday Night* last, of which Oath hath been made before us, and other Causes of Suspicion: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name,

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to impower and authorise you the said *Adam Bull*, in the Day-time and likewise in the Night, having with you a Constable, to enter into and search the House, Shop, Outhouses and Warehouses of the said *Edward Fuller*, for Coffee, Tea and Chocolate concealed. And if you find any Coffee or Tea, &c. there concealed, and not duly entered, that you do seize and carry away the same as forfeited by the Statute aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Summons for one to appear and give Evidence in order to condemn uncustom'd Goods.

To George Hill of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford, Weaver.

Bed. ss. **I**T having been represented unto us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, by *Abraham Bell*, Officer of the Customs, &c. that several Quantities of Brandy and other Liquors, by him seized on Saturday last, belonging to or in the Custody of *Christopher Dod* of Biggleswade aforesaid, Distiller, are uncustom'd Goods, for which the Custom-Duties have not been paid, and that the said Goods were clandestinely Run: And being inform'd by the said *Abraham Bell*, that you the said *George Hill*

Custom-Duties.

8 Geo. I.
c. 18.
12 Geo. I.
c. 26.

Hill can make Proof of the Premises: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require you to appear before us on the 13th Day of this Instant *July*, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to testify your Knowledge concerning the Nonpayment of the said Duties, and the Running of the aforesaid Liquors, in order to our determining the Seizure thereof, and condemning the same, as the Law directs. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for assisting in Running of Goods.

To the Constables of Stepney, in the County of Middlesex.

13 & 14
Car. 2.
c. 11.

Midd. ss. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been made before me, by *Abraham Butcher* of *Stepney* aforesaid, Officer of the Customs, that *Charles Driver* of your Parish, Carman (or Porter) hath lately assisted *Edward Fuller* of *Stepney* aforesaid, Grocer, in the landing and carrying away several foreign Goods from *Bear-Key*, for which a certain Duty is payable to his Majesty, before the said Duty paid, or being impower'd by Warrant for such his Transactions, or giving Notice to any Officer to be present at his doing the same, as the Law directs: These are there-

therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Charles Driver*, and to bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the Premisses, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Commitment of a Person for assisting in Running of Goods.

To the Constables of the Parish of Stepney in the County of Middlesex, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.

Midd. ss. **W**Hereas *Abraham Butcher* of Stepney aforesaid, Gent. 13 & 14
Car. 2.
hath lately made Complaint before me, that *Charles Driver* of Stepney aforesaid, Carman, hath assisted *Edward Fuller* of the same Place, Grocer, in the landing and carrying several Goods from the Ship called the *Eagle*, to the said *Edward Fuller's* House in Stepney aforesaid, for which a Duty is payable to his Majesty, without paying the same, contrary to Law; and the said *Charles Driver*, having appeared before me to answer the Premisses, and not being able to clear himself from the Charge and Offence aforesaid: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require

require and authorise you the said Constable, to convey the said *Charles Driver* to the said Gaol, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to take the said *Charles Driver* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall find Securities for his Good Behaviour, or shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to search for Goods (for which Custom ought to be paid) which are privately convey'd away and conceal'd.

To the Constables of the Parish of Stepney in the County of Middlesex.

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Car. 2.
c. 11.

Midd. ff. **W**HERAS *Andrew Bull* of *Hackney* in the said County, Gent. hath this Day made Oath before me, that on *Monday* last past, about the Hour of Ten at Night, *Christopher Deer* of *Stepney* aforesaid, Grocer, landed at *Bear-Key*, from the Ship called the *Eagle*, lately arrived from *Nantz* in *France*, two Casks of Liquor, about the Size of Quarter Barrels, and conveyed them to his House, situate in *Stepney* aforesaid; and the said *Andrew Bull*, having search'd the Custom-house Books, and finding

finding no Entry made of the said Barrels of Liquor, or any Agreement made with the Collectors for the Customs thereof; and the said *Christopher Deer* being no ways concerned by Profession, or otherwise, in foreign Liquors; and the said *Andrew Bull* having produced a Witness to prove that he drank Brandy and Red Wine on *Wednesday* last, at the House of the said *Christopher Deer*, who hath proved the same accordingly; all which being considered, there is good Reason to suspect that the said *Christopher Deer* hath concealed Liquors, for which Duties are payable to the Crown, with Intent to defraud his Majesty, and contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to assist the said *Andrew Bull* in the entering of the House, and to enter with him into the House of the said *Christopher Deer*, and search for the said Barrels of Liquor, or any other foreign Liquors, for which Custom ought to be paid, which may be conceal'd there; and in Case you meet with any Resistance, that you do enter the said House by Force; and if you find any such Liquors, that you do seise the same as forfeited, &c. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to apprehend those who
abuse or resist a Custom-house
Officer.

*To the Constables of the Parish of
Stepney in the County of Mid-
dlesex.*

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Car. 2.
c. 11.

Midd. ff. **W**Hereas Complaint hath been
made before me, by *Adam
Bull of Hackney*, in the said County of
Middlesex, being an Officer of his Ma-
jesty's Customs, that *Christopher Deer* of
Stepney aforesaid, Grocer, did lately, with
Force of Arms, resist the said *Adam Bull*
at *Bear-Key* in your County, being then
in the Execution of his said Office: These
are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to re-
quire and authorise you the said Constable
to apprehend the said *Christopher Deer*,
and bring him before me, or some other
of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to
be examined concerning the Premises,
and to be further dealt with according to
Law. Given under my Hand and Seal,
Etc.

Warrant

Deer-Stealers.

Warrant to enter the House of a suspected Person, and search for Venison, &c.

To the Constables of the Parish of Luton in the County of Bedford.

Bed. ss. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been made before me, that several Fallow Deer have been lately unlawfully coursed, hunted, kill'd, wounded and taken in Toils, by Persons unknown, in the Park of Sir Thomas Parker, Bart. in the said County, and have been carried out of the same, and I being informed that Venison and Deer-Skins, have been lately seen in your Parish: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, upon Sight hereof, forthwith to enter into and search the Houses, Out-houses, Yards, and other Places in your said Parish, of such Person or Persons whom you shall justly suspect, or be informed to have any Venison or Skins of Deer; and if you shall find any such, that then you apprehend the Persons so suspected to have unlawfully come by the same, or in whose Houses or Places any such Venison or Skins of Deer shall be found, and bring them

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them before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be proceeded against according to Law: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy thirty Pounds;
for not giving an Account how
he came by Venison or Skins.

To the Constables of Luton in the
County of Bedford.

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c. 25.
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& M. c.
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Bed. ff. **W**Hereas *John Orsbourn* of
Luton aforesaid, Victualler,
hath been duly convicted before me, of
having certain Pieces of Venison in his
Custody, which upon Search, were found
in his House, in the Parish of *Luton* a-
foresaid, and not being able to produce
the Party, of whom he bought the same,
or some credible Witness, to make Oath
of the Sale thereof to him, so that he
hath forfeited the Sum of 30*l.* according
to the Form of the Statute in that Case
made and provided: These are therefore,
in his Majesty's Name, to require and au-
thorise you forthwith to levy the said Sum
of 30*l.* so forfeited as aforesaid, by Dis-
tress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels
of the said *John Orsbourn*; and that you
pay one third Part thereof to *Robert Hill*,
who

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who inform'd me of the said Offence, and that you distribute another third Part thereof to and amongst the Poor of the Parish of *Luton*, where the said *John Orsbourn* was committed, and that you pay the other third Part to *John Smith* of *Luton* aforesaid, Gent. the Owner. And if it shall happen that the said *John Orsbourn* shall not have any Goods or Chattels within your Parish, sufficient to satisfy the said Forfeiture of 30*l.* that then you certify me thereof, that such further Order may be taken therein, as is pursuant to the said Statute: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for coursing Deer in a Park.

*To the Constable of the Parish of
Northill in the County of Bedford.*

Bed. ss. **W** Hereas it hath been duly prov'd before me, that *John Smith* of *Northill* aforesaid, Shoemaker, did on the 10th of *October* last past, unlawfully course (or as the Fact is) one Fallow Deer in the Park of *John Sams* of *Sutton* in the County aforesaid, without his Consent, or of the Person intrusted with the keeping thereof, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require

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wounded
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sion.*

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quire and authorise you to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *John Smith*, the Sum of 20*l.* which said Sum was adjudged to be forfeited by him, on his Conviction before me, for the said Offence, and that you pay one third Part thereof to *Thomas Peters*, who inform'd me of the said Offence so committed and done by the aforesaid *John Smith*, and another third Part unto the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Sutton*, where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, and the other third Part thereof to *John Sams*, the Owner of the said Deer; and if no Distress can be found and taken, that then you certify the same forthwith to me. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The like Warrant mutatis mutandis for assisting or aiding, &c.

Commit-

Commitment for want of a Distress.

To the Constable of Northill in the County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County, and to the Chief Officers of the Town of Biggleswade in the County aforesaid, for the Time being.

Bed. ss. **W** Hereas you the said Constable was lately required, by Warrant under my Hand and Seal, to levy the Sum of 20*l*. by Distress and Sale of the Goods of *John Smith* of Northill aforesaid, by him forfeited for an Offence which he committed against the Form of the Statute made in the third and fourth Years of the late King *William* and Queen *Mary*, entituled, *An Act, &c.* And whereas I have been certified by you, that you cannot find a sufficient Distress to be taken of the Goods of the said *John Smith*, for the said Offence: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *John Smith*, and to convey him safe to the Gaol of the said County, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof, together with this my Warrant for your so doing. And you the said Keeper are hereby required to take

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into your Custody the said *John Smith*, and him safely to keep for the Space of one whole Year next ensuing; and that you then deliver him to the Chief Officer of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, being the Town next adjoining to the Place where the Offence was committed, or some of his under Officers, together with this Precept, who are hereby required to set the said *John Smith* in the Pillory of the said Town, in some Market-Day, for the Space of one Hour: And hereof fail not, as you will severally answer the contrary at your respective Perils. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus for the pulling down or destroying Pales in a Park, in the Night-time.

To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the County aforesaid.

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Bed. ff. **W**Hereas Complaint hath been made before me, that *John Orsbourn* of your said Parish, did on the Second of this Instant *May*, in the Night-time, pull down and destroy several Pales of the Park of *Sir Thomas Philips*, Bart. in the County aforesaid, contrary to the Statute

Deer-Stealers.

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Statute in that Case made and provided: And whereas the said *John Orsbourn* hath been duly convicted before me of the said Offence: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to apprehend the said *John Orsbourn*, and to convey him to the Gaol aforesaid. And you the said Keeper are hereby required to take him into your Custody, and him safely to keep in the said Gaol, for the Space of three Months, without Bail: Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

*Three
Months
Imprison-
ment,
without
Bail.*

Information against Deer-Stealers
disguised, on 9 Geo. I. c. 23.

*The Information of Andrew Betts
and Charles Driver of the Parish
of Sutton, in the County of Bed-
ford, taken before Edward Fish
and George Hill, Esqs. two of his
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for
this County, on the 10th of Sep-
tember 1729.*

Bed. ss. **T**HE Informants depose and say, upon their Oaths, that on the Third of April last past, *John King, Lawrence Monk, and Nathaniel Olliffe*, all of the Parish of *Potson* in the said County, Labourers, about Four of the Clock in the Morning of the same Day,

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stices.

with their Faces black'd, and arm'd with Guns and Swords, did forcibly enter into the Park of Sir *John Smith*, Bart. in *Sutton* aforesaid, and then and there take, kill, and carry away a Brace of Fallow Deer [or that the said *John King*, *Lawrence Monk*, and *Nathaniel Olliffe*, so arm'd and disguis'd, did rob the Warren or Fish-Pond, or maim the Cattle, or cut down the Trees of the said Sir *John Smith*, or that they did shoot at the said Sir *John Smith*] contrary to a Statute in that Behalf made: And further that when they the said *John King*, *Lawrence Monk*, and *Nathaniel Olliffe* had so done, they made their Escape to *Dunstable* in the said County of *Bedford*, and have not since been heard of to the Knowledge of these Informants.

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Anno Supradict'*

Certificate to the Secretary of State
of an Information against Deer-
Stealers disguis'd.

*To the Right Honourable the Lord
Carteret, one of his Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.*

9 Geo. 1.
c. 23.

THIS is to certify to your Lordship
that the Information of *Andrew
Betts* and *Charles Driver* of the Parish of
Sutton

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Sutton in the County of *Bedford*, against *Lawrence Monk*, *Nathaniel Orsbourn* and *Peter Russel*, all of the Parish of *Potton* in the said County of *Bedford*, for killing and stealing of Deer in the Forest of *Dean*, hereto annexed, was taken on Oath before us *Edward Fisher* and *George Hill*, Esqs. two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, as therein is mentioned; which Information is returned to your Lordship to be laid before the King in Council, and that his Majesty's Order of Council be thereupon made for the said *Lawrence Monk*, *Nathaniel Orsbourn* and *Peter Russel*'s surrendring themselves to Justice, as the Statute directs. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend Deer-Stealers disguised.

Bed. H. To the Constables of *Luton* in the said County of *Bedford*.

Whereas *Edward Fish* of *Luton* a- 9 Geo. 1.
foresaid, Butcher, and *George Hill* c. 23.
of *Potton* in the said County of *Bedford*,
Carpenter, were this Day charged before
us, by the Oaths of *Charles Deer* and
Adam Ball, both of *Luton* aforesaid, La-
bourers, with entring the Park of *Sir John*
Baker, in *Luton* aforesaid, in Company
with divers others, armed with Guns and
E 3 Swords

Deer-Stealers.

Swords, and with Faces blacked and disguised, and carrying away from thence one Fallow Deer, on the Third Day of this Instant *July*, about Four of the Clock in the Morning of the same Day: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Edward Fish* and *George Hill*, and bring them before us, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Commitment of Deer-Stealers disguised.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in and for the said County.*

9 Geo. 1.
c. 23.

WHereas *Lawrence Monk* of *Potton* aforesaid, Carpenter, hath been charged before us, this Day, by the Oaths of *Andrew Betts* and *Charles Driver*, with a Felony by him committed, in forcibly Entering the Park of *Sir Roger Johnson* of *Potton* aforesaid, in Company with divers others, arm'd with Guns and Swords, and with Faces black'd and disguised, and killing

killing and carrying away from thence a Brace of Deer on the 13th Day of September last: And whereas the said *Lawrence Monk* hath been examined by us, and is not able to clear himself from the said Charge: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to convey the said *Lawrence Monk* to the said Gaol; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Lawrence Monk* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Distillers.**Warrant to search for private Stills.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Adam Bull* of *Biggleswade* 10 & 11
aforesaid, Officer of Excise, hath W.3. c. 4.
made Oath before me, that he hath Reason to suspect that *Edward Fisher* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Distiller, makes Use of private Stills in the House of one *James Deer*, in your Parish, for Distilling of Liquors, and hath convinc'd me of the Justness of his Suspicion, by several material Circumstances:

Distillers. Drunkennes.

stances: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to assist the said *Adam Bull*, in making a diligent Search in the House of the said *James Deer*, for any Still or Stills set up by the said *Edward Fisber*, or any other Person; and in Case you find any such, that you do seise and detain the same; and if they are not owned, and cannot be proved to be the Stills of the said *Edward Fisber*, or any other Person, that you do sell the same Stills within twenty Days after Seisure, and dispose of the Monies arising by such Sale; one Moiety thereof for the Use of the King, and the other Moiety to the Persons discovering and seising the Stills, according to the Acts of Parliament in that Case made. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Drunkennes.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on one for being Drunk, or to set him in the Stocks.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Robert Cowper*, Servant to *Adam Bull* of *Potton* aforesaid, Yeoman, was this Day convicted before me

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me of being drunk on the Third Day of this Instant *June*, in the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid :

These are therefore to require and au- 4 Jac. 1.
thorise you, and either of you, to demand c. 5.
5 s. of the said *Robert Cowper*, as the 21 Jac. 1.
Penalty for his said Offence, for the Use c. 7.
of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton* :
And if he shall refuse or neglect to pay
the same for the Space of a Week next en-
suing, then you are required to levy it on
his Goods and Chattels by Distress and
Sale thereof, rendring unto him the Over-
plus. And if the said *Robert Cowper*
shall not pay the said 5 s. and no Distress
can be taken for the same, then you are
hereby required to set him in the Stocks,
there to remain for the Space of six Hours.
Given under my Hand and Seal this Sixth
Day of *June* 1728.

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Excise.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for
wetting Barley on the Floor.

Bed. ff. To Adam Bell, Officer of Ex-
cise in the Parish of Biggle-
swade in the said County.

WHereas Adam Bell of Biggleswade
aforesaid, Gauger of Excise, hath
this Day made Oath before us, two of
his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this
County, that George Hurst of Biggleswade
aforesaid, Malster, on the 23d Day of
July last, wetted, or caused to be wetted,
forty Bushels of Barley making into Malt
on the Floor, in the House of the said
George Hurst, and not in his Cistern duly
entered, contrary to the Statute in that
Case made and provided: These are there-
fore, in his Majesty's Name, to require
and authorise you to levy on the Goods
and Chattels of the said George Hurst, the
Sum of five Pounds, which he hath for-
feited by the Offence aforesaid. Given
under our Hands and Seals, &c.

6 Geo. 1.
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stices.
One Wit-
ness.

Warrant

Warrant against a Tanner for not paying the Duty on Hides, to levy the Forfeiture.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County.*

WHereas *Abraham Brotherton* of *Biggleswade* in the County aforesaid, Gent. Officer of Excise for the Duty on Leather, hath this Day made Information, upon Oath, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *Christopher Deer* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Tanner, hath refus'd and neglected to pay the Sum of 20s. with which he is justly charg'd for Duty on tanned Leather: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of forty Shillings, which he hath forfeited for the said Offence, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Christopher Deer*: Hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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Felony.

Felony.

Warrant to apprehend an Accessary to Felony.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

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& M. c.
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WHereas on the 30th of June last past, several Goods, &c. were feloniously stoll and taken away from *John Smith*, by one *Abraham Betts* of Potton aforesaid, and the said Fact hath been duly proved upon him: And whereas I am inform'd that *Charles Dawson* of your Parish advised and encouraged the said *Abraham Betts* to commit the Felony aforesaid [or hath received and entertained the said *Abraham Betts*, since the Fact committed, or bought Part of the Goods so stoll by the said *Abraham Betts*] whereby he is become Accessary to the said Felony, according to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Charles Dawson*, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer what is laid to his Charge, as aforesaid, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to commit a Criminal in
order to Examination.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Potton in the said County
of Bedford, and to the Keeper
of his Majesty's Gaol in and
for the said County.*

WHereas a Felony hath been lately
committed, and *Adam Brown* of
your Parish being suspected thereof, hath
been this Day brought before me, one of
his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this
County, to be examined concerning the
same, and hath refused to be examined
as the Law requires [or the Witnesses not
being ready to prove the Crime against
him]: These are therefore, in his Maje-
sty's Name, to require and authorise you
the said Constables, to convey the said
Adam Brown to the said Gaol: And you
the said Keeper are hereby required to
keep the said *Adam Brown* in your Custody
for the Space of three Days, which I
do adjudge necessary to summon the Wit-
nesses against him, and finish his Exami-
nation. Given under my Hand and Seal,
Etc.

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The Examination of a Felon.

The Examination of Charles Dawson of Southill in the County of Bedford, Turner, taken before me William Brown, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, this Fifteenth Day of May 1730.

2 & 3 P.
& M. c.
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THE Examinant being charged before me, by *Andrew Bell*, of *Southill* aforesaid, Grocer, with the felonious Stealing out of the House of the said *Andrew Bell*, in *Southill* aforesaid, several Goods, viz. three Silver Spoons, a Gold Ring, and a Pair of Silver Buttons, to the Value of three Pounds, on *Monday* the 12th Day of this Instant *May*, he the said *Charles Dawson*, upon his Examination now taken by me, denieth that he stole the said Goods, or ever had them in his Possession [or confesseth that he stole the said Goods, and sold them to *John Deer* of *Biggleswade* in the said County, Silver-smith, for twenty Shillings].

*Taken before me the Day and
Year abovesaid,*

William Brown.

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These Examinations are to be taken before any Offender shall be committed. The Examination of the Offender without Oath, and the Witnesses upon their Oaths.

Examination of a Witness, relating to Felony.

The Examination of Edward Fisher of Potton in the County of Bedford, Taylor, taken upon Oath before me William Brown, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the Third Day of July 1730.

THIS Examinant, upon his Oath, ^{2 & 3 P.} deposeth and saith, that on the 30th ^{& M. c.} of June last past, *Charles Dawson* of *Potton* ^{10.} aforesaid, *Turner*, did enter the House of *Adam Bull* of the same Place, and from thence feloniously Steal one Silver Tankard, mark'd *A. B.* and also three Salvers and half a dozen of Spoons, belonging to the said *Adam Bull*, and that this Examinant being at that Time a Servant to the said *Adam Bull*, endeavoured to apprehend the said *Charles Dawson*; but there being no other Person in the House belonging to the aforesaid *Adam Bull*, the said *Charles Dawson* very much beat and wounded this Examinant, and left him bound on the Floor,

Floor, whilst he made his Escape with the Plate and Goods aforesaid, and this Examinant further saith not.

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Coram me,

Will' Brown.

Warrant to search for stolln Goods,
and apprehend the Felon.

To the Constables of the Parish of
Biggleswade, or either of them.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been made unto me, Owen Thomas Bromsall, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, by John King of Northill in the said County, Yeoman, that of late certain Goods have been feloniously taken from him, and that he hath Reason to suspect Elizabeth Wells of the said Parish of Northill, Spinster, now resident in your Parish of Biggleswade, to have stolln the same:

*Felony by
the Com-
mon Law.*

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require you, that upon Receipt hereof, you make diligent Search in the House of the Widow Randall of Biggleswade aforesaid, where the said Elizabeth Wells now is; and if upon Search you shall find the said Elizabeth Wells, or any other suspected Persons, or any of the said Goods

Goods suspected to be stohn, that then you bring the said *Elizabeth Wells*, and such other suspected Persons before me, to answer the Premisses; and that you likewise seise and secure such Goods as you shall suspect to be stohn: And hereof fail not, as you shall answer it at your Perils. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for receiving stohn Goods.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

W Heress *Edward Haddock* of *Elfley* in the County of *Cambridge*, Farmer, hath this Day made Oath before me, that on or about the 25th Day of *January* last, a Pair of Breeches of Beaver-Skin, of the Value of 20 s. were feloniously taken from him, and that he saw the said Breeches worn by *John Chapman*, Labourer, of your said Town of *Potton*, on *Saturday* last, being the 31st of *May*:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's 3 & 4 W. Name, to require and authorise you, and & M. c. either of you, to apprehend the said 9. *John Chapman*, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning

cerning the Premiffes, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to commit a Person for cutting out a Man's Tongue.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Southill in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

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WHereas *Adam Bull* of *Southill* afore-said, Butcher, hath made Oath before me, that on the Second Day of *September* last, *Charles Dodd* of the said Parish of *Southill*, Yeoman, did, in a violent Manner, with a Penknife, cut out the Tongue of *Edward Fisher*, of the same Parish, Taylor [or cut off or slit his Nose] whereby the said *Edward Fisher* is very much maimed and disfigur'd (as the Case is) contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to take the said *Charles Dodd*, and convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Charles Dodd* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be thence discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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A Liberate to release a Prisoner committed on Suspicion of Felony.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Charles Dawson* of *Potton* in the said County of *Bedford*, Labourer, has before us found sufficient Securities for his Appearance before the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter-Sessions, to be holden for the said County, there to answer to such Things as shall be objected against him for the felonious Taking of seven Silk Handkerchiefs, and thirty Shillings in Money, from *Andrew Bull* of *Potton* aforesaid, Draper, on or about the 30th of *June* last, on Suspicion whereof he was committed to your said Gaol: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require you not to detain the said *Charles Dawson* any longer in your Custody, but that you do forthwith release him from thence, and suffer him to go at large. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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Two Justices.

Warrant

Warrant to commit an Offender
Guilty of Felony, relating to
South-Sea Stock.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Biggleswade in the said
County of Bedford, or either
of them, and to the Keeper of
his Majesty's Gaol in and for
the said County.*

8 Geo. 1.

WHereas Oath hath been made before
me, by *Abraham Bell* of *Sutton* in
the County aforesaid, Weaver, that *Charles
Dawson* of your said Parish of *Biggleswade*,
Turner, did, on the 17th of *April* last at
the City of *London*, personate *Edward
Fisber*, a real Proprietor of 100 l. Capital
South-Sea Stock, and endeavour to trans-
fer and receive the Money for the said
Stock, by contracting with *William John-
son*, and going to the *South-Sea House* for
that Purpose aforesaid; which by a late
Statute is made Felony, without Benefit
of Clergy: These are therefore, in his
Majesty's Name, to require and authorise
you, the said Constables, and either of
you, to take the said *Charles Dawson*, and
convey him to the said Gaol: And you the
said Keeper, are hereby required to re-
ceive the said *Charles Dawson* into your
Custody,

Felony.

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Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for breaking the Head of a Fish-Pond, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Abraham Brooks* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Blacksmith, was this Day charged before me, by the Oath of *Charles Dudly* of *Northill*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. with feloniously breaking down the Head of a Fish-Pond belonging to him the said *Charles Dudly*, whereby his Fish are destroyed [or with maliciously killing, maiming, 9 Geo. 1. or wounding his Cattle, or with cutting c. 23. down or destroying Trees in an Avenue belonging to him, or with setting Fire to his House, Barn, or Outhouse, or Hovel, Cock, Mow, or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay, or Wood, or with maliciously shooting at him, or with sending a Letter to him without a Name, or with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Venison, or other valuable Thing] contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his

Felony in destroying a Fish-Pond.

his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Abraham Brooks*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

See Trees.

Mittimus for breaking the Head of a Fish-Pond.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.

9 Geo. 1.
c. 23.

Whereas *Abraham Brooks* of Biggleswade afore said, Blacksmith, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath of *Charles Dudly* of Northill in the said County of Bedford, Gent. with feloniously breaking down the Head of a Fish-Pond belonging to him the said *Charles Dudly*, whereby his Fish are destroyed [or with maliciously killing, maiming or wounding his Cattle, or with cutting down or destroying Trees in an Avenue belonging to him, or with setting Fire to his House, Barn, or Outhouse, or Hovel, Cock,

Cock, Mow, or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay or Wood, or with maliciously shooting at him, or with sending a Letter to him without a Name, or with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Venison, or other valuable Thing] contrary to the Statute in that Case made; and the said *Abraham Brooks* is not able to clear himself of the said Charge: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *Abraham Brooks*, and convey him to the Gaol aforesaid: And you, the said Keeper, are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for
stealing a Promissory Note.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Potton in the said County
of Bedford.*

WHereas *Adam Brotherton* of *Potton* aforesaid, Butcher, was this Day charged before me, by the Oath of *Charles Dawson* of *Biggleswade* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. with feloniously taking from him one Promissory Note for the Payment of twelve Pounds to him the said

2 Geo. 2.

Felony.

said *Charles Dawson*, by *Edward Fish*, Esq; or Order [one Exchequer Note, Bank-Bill, or Bond, &c.] These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Adam Brotherton*, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus for stealing a Promissory Note.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol there.

2 Geo. 2.

W Hereas *Adam Brotherton* of Potton aforesaid, Butcher, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath of *Charles Dawson* of Biggleswade, in the said County of Bedford, with the felonious Taking from him one Promissory Note for the Payment of twelve Pounds to him the said *Charles Dawson*, by *Edward Fish*, Esq; or Order [one Exchequer Note, Bank-Bill or Bond] - These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables

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bles, and either of you, to take the said *Adam Brotherton*, and to convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Examinations to be taken of the Offender and Witnesses, before Commitment.

Mittimus for forging a Bond.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Dunstable in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

WHereas *Andrew Buck* of *Dunstable* 2 Geo. 2. aforesaid, School-Master, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath of *Charles Deer*, of *Dunstable* aforesaid, Esq; with forging a Bond of 100 l. for the Payment of 50 l. to him the said *Andrew Buck*, by *Edward Fish* of *Luton* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. [Deed, Will, Writing obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, &c.] contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the

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the said Constables, to take the said *Andrew Buck*, and to convey him to the Gaol aforesaid: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Andrew Buck*, and him safely to keep in your Custody until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for
Counterfeiting a Bank-Bill.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Biggleswade in the said
County of Bedford.*

11 Geo. I.

W Hereas *Adam Ball* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Taylor, was this Day charged before me, by the Oath of *Charles Deer*, of *Warden* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. with feloniously Counterfeiting [erasing or altering] a Bank-Bill, N^o 672. for the Sum of 50*l.* payable to *James Sayer*, Esq; These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Adam Ball*, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Commitment of one for Counter-
feiting a Bank-Bill.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Biggleswade in the said
County of Bedford, and to the
Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol
there.*

W Hereas *Adam Ball of Biggleswade* 11 Geo. 1.
aforesaid, Taylor, was this Day
brought before me, and charg'd, upon Oath,
by *Charles Deer of Warden* in the said
County, Gent. with feloniously counterfeiting
[erasing or altering] a Bank-Bill, N^o 672.
for the Sum of 50 l. payable to *John Sayer*,
Esq; These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you the
said Constables, and either of you, to take
the said *Adam Ball*, and to convey him to
the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper
are hereby required to receive him into
your Custody, and him safely to keep un-
till he shall be discharged by due Course
of Law. Given under my Hand and
Seal, &c.

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Warrant

Felony.

Warrant to apprehend one for
stealing Sheep.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Northill in the said County
of Bedford.*

*Felony at
Common
Law.*

WHereas *Oliver Musick* of *Hatch* in the said Parish of *Northill*, Shepherd, hath made Oath before me, that one Sheep, the Property of *Thomas Walker* of *Beeston*, in the Parish of *Sandy*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Yeoman, was on or about the 26th Day of this Instant *November*, as he believes, feloniously taken out of the Flock of the said *Thomas Walker*, then lying in the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid; and that he hath Reason to suspect *John Lunn* of *Brook-End* in the said Parish of *Northill*, Husbandman, to have stolen the said Sheep:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *John Lunn*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 28th Day of *November* 1728.

Warrant

Warrant to search for Fowls, and
apprehend the Taker.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Sandy in the said County
of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made *Felony by
before me, by Thomas Martin of the Com-
Beeston in the Parish of Sandy, Yeo-
man, that in the Night, between the 23d
and 24th of this Instant December, one
Dozen of Fowls of the Value of sixteen
Shillings, or thereabouts, were taken out
of his Hen-roost, in Beeston aforesaid:
These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name,
to require and authorise you, and either
of you, upon Receipt hercof, to make di-
ligent Search in all suspected Houses and
Places in your said Parish, and to bring all
and every the Person and Persons before me,
or some other of his Majesty's Justices of
the Peace, in whose Custody you shall
find the said Fowls, or any of them: As
also all such Persons as you shall have
Reason to suspect were concerned in the
felonious Taking away the same, to be
examined concerning the Premisses, and
to be further dealt with according to Law.
Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.*

Felony and Robbery.

Warrant to levy a Tax upon Parishioners, for defraying the Charges of carrying a Felon to Gaol, where the Offender hath no Goods.

To the High Constable of the Hundred of Clifton.

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c. 10.

Bed. ff. **W**Hereas *George Hill*, a notorious Felon, by Virtue of my Warrant, bearing Date the Third Day of this Instant *June*, was conveyed to the Gaol of *Bedford* aforesaid, by *Andrew Bull*, Constable of *Potton*, and *Charles Dawson* and *Edward Fisher* of *Potton* aforesaid, the Charges and Expences whereof amount to twenty Shillings: And the said *George Hill* having no Goods or Chattels to defray the said Expence, a Tax upon the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Potton* hath been made according to Law, for paying and satisfying the same; And whereas the several Persons mention'd in the said Taxation or Assessment (whose Names and the Charges upon them are under written) have refus'd to pay the respective Sums on them Tax'd for the Purpose aforesaid, contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name,

to

to require and authorise you, and either of you, to levy the said several Sums herein after mentioned, upon the Goods and Chattels of the respective Persons so Taxed, as aforesaid, which shall refuse to pay the same, returning to them the Overplus. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one suspected of a Felony and Robbery, and make Hue and Cry after him.

To all Constables and other his Majesty's Officers, as well within the County of Bedford as elsewhere, within the Realm of England.

Bed. ff. **W**Hereas Oath hath been duly made before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the said County, by *James Freeman* of *Sutton*, in the County of *Bedford*, Gent. that upon *Monday* last, being the 17th of this Instant *April*, he the said *James Freeman* was robb'd of two Silver Salvers, one Dozen of Silver Spoons, a Pair of Diamond Ear-rings, and ten Pounds in Money, amounting in the whole to the Value of two hundred Pounds, taken out of his Dwelling-house in *Sutton* aforesaid;

Stat. West.
1. c. 9.
3 Ed. 1.
Stat. of
Winch. c.
1. 13 Ed. 1.
27 El. c.
13.

Felony and Robbery.

and that he hath manifest Cause to suspect *John Blood* of *Wilstead* in the said County, Baker, being a fair Man in a white Bob-Wigg, well set, and about five Foot six Inches high, with a wide Mouth and a *Roman* Nose, to have robb'd him of the same Goods and Money: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and every of you, to make diligent Search, within your several and respective Divisions and Precincts, for the said *John Blood*: And also to make Hue and Cry after him from Town to Town, and from Country to County, and that as well by Horsemen as by Footmen; and if you shall find the said *John Blood*, that you take him and carry him before some one of the Justices of the Peace within the County, City or Borough where he shall be taken, to be dealt with according to Law: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal the 20th Day of *April* 1727.

Exami-

Examination of a Person robb'd on the Highway.

*The Examination of Richard King
of Biggleswade in the County of
Bedford, taken upon Oath before
Robert Brown, Esq; one of his
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for
the County aforesaid, on the 25th
Day of May 1730.*

THIS Examinant saith, that on *Tues-* 2 & 3 P.
day the 9th Day of this Instant & M. c.
May, he was assaulted in the Highway 10.
leading from *Dunstable* to *Woburn*, at or 27 Eliz.
near a Place called the *Three Wents*, about c. 13.
Ten of the Clock in the Morning of the
same Day, by three Men on Horseback,
who seized this Examinant, and carried
him out of the Road to a By-place ad-
joining, and robb'd him of the Sum of
nine Pounds and his Horse. And farther
saith, that he is since informed that the
said Highway and By-place are both in the
Parish of *Brickbill*, and within the Hun-
dred of *Manstead* in the said County, and
that he did not then, or yet doth know ei-
ther of the Persons who committed the
said Robbery.

Jur' Die & Anno suprad'
coram me,

R. B.

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Felony and Robbery.

IN order to bring the Action, the Person must make an Oath as followeth :

Oath of the Party robb'd.

June 1. 1730.

27 Eliz.
c. 13.

Bed. ff. **R**ichard King of Biggleswade in the said County, Gent. came before me Henry Philips, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the Day and Year above written, and made Oath that on Monday the 25th of May last, about Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day, travelling from Dunstable to Woburn, he was assaulted in the common Road, three Miles from Woburn, in a Field called Black Lays, by three Horsemen, one of them being a Man of about twenty-five Years of Age, &c. (describing all their Habits and Horses, &c.) which said three Persons then robb'd this Deponent, taking from him, by Force, 20l. and a Mare; and the said Richard King did further depose, that he doth not know the said Persons, or either of them.

Jurat' Die & Anno suprad'
coram me,

Richard King,

Henry Philips.

Warrant

Warrant to Assess and Levy the Money for a Contribution, being recover'd against the Hundred, and levied on two Men.

To the High Constables of the Hundred of Clifton.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Robert Bigg of Biggleswade in the County aforesaid, Tanner, was lately robb'd of 50*l.* in the said Hundred of Clifton, and hath since obtain'd a Judgment at Law against the Inhabitants thereof, which said Sum of 50*l.* hath been levied and charged only upon John Smith and Thomas Palmer, two of the Inhabitants of Henlow, within the said Hundred, who have now made Complaint thereof to us: And whereas we have caused a Rate or Assessment to be made upon the Parishes and Villages within the said Hundred, for the raising the said Money, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided, which said Rate is hereunto annex'd: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said High Constables forthwith to give Notice thereof to the Petty Constables and Headboroughs, immediately after such Notice, equally to set and impose upon the several Inhabitants of

27 El.
c. 13.
Two Jus-
tices.
Quor. un.

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of the said Parishes, the respective Sums therein Rated, according to their Method of Rating for the Poor of the said Parish, and afterwards to demand the same, and to levy it by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such of the said Inhabitants respectively, who shall refuse to pay the Sum on him or them set or imposed; and having received and levied the same, that you do forthwith pay it unto us, or one of us, that the said *John Smith* and *Thomas Palmer* may be reimbursed; and you are farther required to give an Account unto us within ten Days next after the Date hereof, what you shall have done in the Premises: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

The Form of the Rate.

27 Eliz.
c. 13.

Bedd. ff. **A** RATE made by *Robert Brown* and *George Goodwin*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, for the raising of 50*l.* on the Hundred of *Clifton*, which said Hundred is charged with the said Sum, and the same hath been levied upon *John Smith* and *Thomas Palmer*, two of the Inhabitants thereof, by Virtue of a Judgment had and obtained by *Robert Bigg* against the said Hundred,

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Hundred, for a Robbery done and committed therein.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The Parish of <i>H.</i>	05	00	00
The Parish of <i>B.</i>	06	00	00
The Parish of <i>R.</i>	08	00	00
The Parish of <i>O.</i>	10	00	00
The Parish of <i>N.</i>	07	00	00
The Parish of <i>L.</i>	10	00	00
The Parish of <i>T.</i>	04	00	00

Felony and Burglary.

Warrant to apprehend one for Felony and Burglary, and to make Hue and Cry.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Town of Pottou, and all other his Majesty's Peace-Officers in the said County of Bedford, and elsewhere within the Kingdom of England.*

WHereas Complaint was this Day made upon Oath, before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the said County of *Bedford*, that the Dwelling-house of *William Jackson of Brook-End* in the Parish of *Sandy*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Yeoman, was broke open about Eleven of the Clock at Night,
on

Felony and Burglary:

on the Tenth of this Instant *June*, by *William Evans* of *Potton* aforesaid, Victualler, who robb'd the said *William Jackson* at the same Time of two Grey Coats, one Shirt, one Pair of white Gloves, one red Silk Handkerchief, and a considerable Sum of Money:

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& M. c.
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Stat. *West.*
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Stat.
Wimb. c.
1. 13 Ed.
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27 Eliz.
C. 13.

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and every of you, to make diligent Search in your respective Precincts, for the said *William Evans*, and likewise to make Hue and Cry after him from Town to Town, and from County to County, as well by Horsemen as Footmen; and having apprehended him, to carry him before some Justice of the Peace of the County where he shall happen to be taken, to be dealt with according to Law. The said *William Evans*, is, as I am informed, a thin Man of a fresh Complexion, middle Stature, and wore a dark brown Wig, and a white Fustian Frock, fac'd with Black Cloth, on the Day the Fact was committed, and is supposed to be fled towards *London*. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Fire.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture on a Servant's firing a House, and on Default of Payment to send him to the House of Correction.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction, in and for the said County.

WHereas *Andrew Barber* of *Potton* 6 Ann. c. 31. afore-
said, Draper, hath this Day made Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County afore-
said, that the Dwelling-house of him the said *Andrew Barber*, situate in *Potton* afore-
said, was, on the Sixth of *July* last past, set on Fire and burnt down, by the Carelessness and Negligence of *Christopher Deer*, his Servant; and the said Crime hath been duly proved before us, by the Depositions of the said *Andrew Barber* and of *James Driver*; and the said *Christopher Deer*, on his Examination, not being able to clear himself from the Charge afore-
said, but the Fact appears plain against him: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and au-
thorise

thorise you the said Constables to levy the Sum of 100*l.* on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Christopher Deer*, by Distress and Sale thereof, being forfeited by committing the Crime aforesaid; and that you do pay and distribute the said Sum of 100*l.* when levied, to and amongst the Sufferers by the said Fire, according to the Direction of the Statute in that Behalf made; and if there shall be no Distress, and the said *Christopher Deer* neglect or refuse to pay the same, that then you do convey him the said *Christopher Deer* to the said House of Correction: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Christopher Deer* into your Custody, and to keep him to hard Labour until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Forcible

Forcible Entry.

Commitment for detaining Lands by Force.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Clifton in the said County
of Bedford, and to the Keeper
of his Majesty's Gaol in and
for the said County.*

WHereas Complaint was made before 5 R. 2.
c. 7.
me, one of his Majesty's Justices of
Peace for the said County, by *Abraham* 15 R. 2.
c. 2.
Bridges of the said Parish of *Clifton*, that
Charles Driver and *Edward Fisber* of 8 H. 6. c. 9.
21 Jac. c.
15.
the same Parish, had made a Forcible En-
try into the House and Lands of the said
Abraham Bridges, situate in *Clifton* afore-
said; and having this Day view'd the same
and found the said *Charles Driver* and
Edward Fisber forcibly detaining the Pos-
session of the said Messuage and Premises
from the said *Abraham Bridges*, and re-
fusing to deliver up the same, contrary to
the Statute in that Case made and pro-
vided: These are therefore, in his Maje-
sty's Name, to require and authorise you
the said Constables, and either of you, to
convey the said *Charles Driver* and *Ed-
ward Fisber* to the said Gaol: And you
the said Keeper are hereby required to re-
ceive

Forcible Entry.

ceive them into your Custody, and them safely to keep until they shall be from thence discharg'd by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Frauds and Cheats.

Warrant to search for one suspected to have defrauded a Person of his Money.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables and all other his Majesty's Peace-Officers in the County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Joseph Jackson*, Banker and Citizen of *London*, hath this Day made Oath before me, that he hath lately been defrauded of several Sums of Money, amounting to two hundred Pounds, or thereabouts, by *Henry Cooper* his Servant; and that he hath Reason to suspect that *John Webb* of *Gamblingay* in the County of *Cambridge*, hath confederated with his said Servant, and hath Part of the said Money in his Custody; and that the said *John Webb* now lies concealed in the said County of *Bedford*.

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you and every of you, to make diligent Search for the said *John Webb* in all suspected Houses and

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and Places in the said County of *Bedford*, and to bring him before me, or some other Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Game.

Warrant to search for Snares.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made 4 & 5 W. before me, that the Game hath & M. c. been of late notoriously destroyed by the 23. setting of Snares, Nets and other Engines in your said Parish, for taking and killing the same:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, forthwith diligently to search in the Day-time, the Houses and Out-houses of all such Persons in your said Parish, as you shall suspect to keep or use any Snares, Nets or other Engines for destroying the Game, contrary to the Form of the

the Statutes in that Case made and provided: And if you shall find any Snares, Nets, or other Engines, or any Hare, Pheasant, Partridge, or other Game, in the Custody or Possession of any Person or Persons not Qualified by Law to kill the Game, you are hereby required to seize the same, and to bring them, together with the Person and Persons, in whose Custody or Possession such Snares, Nets, and other Engines or Game shall be found, before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 5th Day of August 1728.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for keeping Snares to destroy Game.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford.

4 & 5 W.
& M. c.
23.

WHereas Henry Harding of Potton aforesaid, hath this Day been duly convicted before me, by the Oath of one Witness, that he hath, within ten Days last past, kept and used Snares for killing and destroying the Game, and that he is not Qualified by Law to keep or use a Snare or any other Engine for destroying the Game:

These

These are therefore to require and authorise you forthwith to levy the Sum of twenty Shillings, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Henry Harding*, which said Sum is by me adjudged to be the Penalty for his said Offence, and that you pay one Moiety thereof to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Everton*, where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of their Poor, and the other to *William Hale*, who informed against the said *Henry Harding*, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided; and in Default of a Distress, you are required to certify me thereof, that such further order may be taken therein as the Law directs. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy thirty Shillings on one for having Game in his Custody.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Sutton in the said County of Bedford.*

Whereas *John Sole* of *Sutton* in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, Baker, hath this present Day been lawfully convicted before me, for that he did not give a good Account how he came by a Brace of Hares which were found in his House in the Parish of *Sutton* aforesaid, upon

4 & 5 W.
& M. c.

23.

*Not under
5 s. or a-
bove 20 s.
for every
Hare, Par-
tridge,
Pheasant,
&c.
See 5 Ann.
c. 14.*

upon Search made for that Purpose, and not being able to produce the Party of whom he bought the same, or some credible Witness, to make Oath of the Sale thereof to him, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore to require you forthwith to levy the Sum of thirty Shillings by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *John Sole*, which said Sum is by me ascertain'd for his said Offence, as forfeited for the same, and that you pay one Moiety to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor; and for want of such Distress, that you certify me thereof that such farther order may be taken therein as the Law directs: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus for Want of a Distress for the Game.

Bed. ff. To the Constable of Potton, in the said County, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford.

*4 & 5 W.
& M. c.
23.*

WHereas you the said Constable was lately by my Warrant required to levy 30 s. on the Goods and Chattels of *John Sole of Sutton* in the County of *Bedford*,

ford, Baker, by Distress and Sale thereof, which said Sum was by him forfeited, for that he did not give a good Account how he came by a Brace of Hares found, upon Search, in his House in the Parish of *Sutton* aforesaid; and not being able to produce the Party of whom he bought the same, or some credible Witness to make Oath of the Sale thereof unto him; of which said Offence the said *John Sole* had been lawfully convicted before me: And whereas you have inform'd me that the said *John Sole* hath not sufficient whereon to distrain for the said Forfeiture: These are therefore to require you forthwith to apprehend the said *John Sole*, and convey him to the House of Correction, in and for the said County of *Bedford*, together with this Warrant; commanding you the said Keeper to take the aforesaid *John Sole* into your Custody, and cause him to be whipp'd and kept to hard Labour for the Space of three Weeks next ensuing the Date hereof. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Not under
ten Days,
or exceed-
ing one
Month,

Warrant

**Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for
destroying Pheasants Eggs.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Potton in the said County
of Bedford.*

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c. 27.**

Penalty

20 s.

**Two Ju-
stices.**

**Two Wit-
nesses.**

W Hereas it hath been duly proved be-
fore us, that *Adam Bull* of your
said Parish, on or about the Seventh Day
of *June* last past, in the Parish of *Potton*
aforesaid, did take away from and destroy
several Pheasants Eggs in a Nest there,
contrary to the Statute in that Case made:
These are therefore in his Majesty's Name,
to require and authorise you to apprehend
the said *Adam Bull*, and to convey him to
the common Gaol in and for the said Coun-
ty, there to be kept safely by the Keeper
of the same, for the Space of three Months,
unless he forthwith pay to the Church-
wardens of the said Parish of *Potton*, for
the Use of the Poor there, the Sum of
20s. according to the Direction of the
Statutes in that Behalf made and pro-
vided. Given under our Hands and Seals,
&c.

Warrant

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for
keeping a Gun, without being
Qualified.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Warden in the said County
of Bedford.*

WHereas *Andrew Bell* of *Southill* in 33 H. 8.
the said County of *Bedford*, hath c. 6:
this Day made Complaint before me, that 22 & 23
Charles Dawson of your Parish, doth keep Car. 2.
a Gun, and frequently use the same for c. 25.
Destruction of Game, within the Manors 4 & 5 W.
of *Stamford*, *Bury*, &c. not having a 100l. & M. c.
per Ann. &c. or other Estate, sufficient 23.
to Qualify him for doing the same, con- Penalty
trary to the Statutes in that Case made: 10 l. be-
These are therefore in his Majesty's Name, tween the
to require and authorise you to apprehend King and
the said *Charles Dawson*, and to bring the Prose-
him before me or some other of his Ma- secutor.
jesty's Justices of the Peace for this Coun-
ty, to answer the Premisses, and to be fur-
ther dealt with according to Law. Given
under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Warrant

Warrant to search suspicious Houses
for Fishing Nets, and seise them.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade
in the said County of Bedford.*

4 & 5 W.
& M. c.
23.

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, that several Trouts, Pike, and other Fish, have been lately destroyed in the River of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, belonging to *Andrew Bell* of *Southill*, Owner of the Royalty thereof, supposed to be done by some idle and ill disposed Persons in your Parish; and that several Persons within your said Parish do keep Nets, Leaps, Pitches, and other Instruments and Engines for the Destruction of Fish, who are not Qualified by Law to do the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to enter into and search the Houses, Out-houses, and other suspected Places of all such Persons within your Parish, which you are inform'd have any Nets or other Instruments for Destruction of Fish, and to seise the same where-ever you shall find them, and to bring the Person or Persons in whose House or Possession they shall be found, before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mitti-

Mittimus to the House of Correction, for want of a Distress, for Fishing.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sandy in the said County of Bedford, and either of them, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford.*

W Hereas you the said Constables were lately, by my Warrant, required to levy 20s. on the Goods and Chattles of *Henry Newman* of your said Parish of *Sandy*, Labourer, by Distress and Sale of the same, which said Sum was by me adjudged to be forfeited for his taking Fish with a Net in the River of *Sandy* aforesaid, he not being Qualified to use a Net, or to take Fish in any River: And whereas you the said Constables have inform'd me that the said *Henry Newman* hath not Goods and Chattels sufficient whereon a Distress may be made for the said Forfeiture: These are therefore forthwith to require and authorise you the said Constables to apprehend the said *Henry Newman*, and convey him to the said House of Correction, together with this Warrant: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Henry Newman* into

4 & 5 W.
& M. c.
23.

your Custody, and to cause him to be whipp'd and kept to hard Labour for the Space of fourteen Days next after your Receipt hereof. Given under my Hand and Seal this 13th Day of *April* 1729.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Chapman, Higler, &c. for having in his Possession, or any other Person, selling or unlawfully killing Hares, Pheasants, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

5 Ann.
c. 14.

51. Penal-
ty, between
Poor and
Prosecutor.
One Ju-
stice.

WHEREAS *Andrew Bell* of *Clifton* in the said County Yeoman, hath made Oath before me, that on *Friday* last *Charles Driver* of *Clifton* aforesaid, Higler, had in his Possession one Hare [or one Partridge, &c. or offer'd to sell one Hare, &c. or saw him with Greyhounds kill and destroy one Hare in the Ground called *Blackacre*, in the said Parish of *Clifton*,] not being legally Qualified to kill the Game, and contrary to the Statutes in that Case made; whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of five Pounds: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to levy the said Sum of five Pounds by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *Charles Driver*, so forfeited

feited as aforesaid, and that you do pay one Moiety thereof to the said *Andrew Bell*, and the other Moiety to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Clifton*, where the Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor there, according to the Direction of the said Statutes; and for want of such Distress that you do convey the said *Charles Driver* to the House of Correction, there to remain for the Space of three Months. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant and Commitment of a Game-keeper for selling Game without Authority.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the County aforesaid.*

WHereas *Abraham Brown* of *Biggleswade*, Baker, hath lately made Information, upon Oath, that on *Monday* last past, at *Potton* aforesaid, *Charles Dodd* of *Selsby* in the said County, Game-keeper to *William Brown*, Esq; Lord of the Manor of ———, did sell and dispose of a Brace of Hares, three Brace of Partridges, &c. to *Edward Fish* of *Sutton* in the said County, common Higler, and

5 Ann.
c. 14.

Game. Gaming.

One Ju-
stice.

the said *Charles Dodd* being this Day sum-
mon'd to appear before me to answer the
Premisses, and upon his Examination, not
being able to produce the Licence or Con-
sent of the said *William Brown*, for his
selling and disposing of the Game afore-
said, as the Law directs: These are there-
fore, in his Majesty's Name, to require
and authorise you the said Constables to
convey the said *Charles Dodd* to the said
House of Correction, and deliver him to
the Keeper thereof; and you the said
Keeper are hereby required to take the
said *Charles Dodd* into your Custody, and
cause him to be kept at hard Labour for
the Space of three Months, from the Date
hereof, for the Offence aforesaid. Given
under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Gaming.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for
unlawfully Gaming, having no
visible Estate.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade
in the said County.*

9 Ann. c. 14.
2 Geo. 2. **W**Hereas Complaint hath been duly
made before us, that *Abram Bro-*
therton of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Labour-
er, doth frequently use and play at Cards,
Dice, and other unlawful Games, in the
Parish

Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, and that he hath no Estate, nor follows any Employment to maintain himself, but lives chiefly by Gaming and Sharping upon other People: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Abraham Brotherton*, and bring him before us, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer what shall be objected against him in that Behalf, and be dealt with according to Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Two Justices.

Commitment of a Gamester.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

WHereas it hath been duly proved before us, that *James Smith* of your said Parish, Barber, on *Monday* the 7th of this Instant *August*, did play at Cards, Dice, and other unlawful Games, at the House of *John Carter* in *Biggleswade* aforesaid, not having any visible Estate or Employment for his Support and Maintenance; and he the said *James Smith* not being able to give sufficient Security for his Good Behaviour for the Space of twelve Months

9 Ann.
c. 14.
2 Geo. 2.

Gaming.

Months, as the Statutes direct: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to convey the said *James Smith* to the said Gaol, and deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *James Smith* into your Custody, and him safely to keep in your said Gaol, until he shall give Security as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Commitment of a Person for keeping an unlawful Gaming-house.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Southill in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

33 H. 8.

c. 9.

2 Geo. 2.

WHereas *Andrew Brooks* hath this Day been convicted before me of keeping an unlawful Gaming-house in the Parish of *Southill* aforesaid, and hath refused to give Security for his not keeping such Gaming-house for the future, as the Statutes in such Cases require: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, to convey the said *Andrew Brooks* to the common Gaol in and for this County; and you the said Keeper are hereby required

Gaming. Gunpowder.

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required to receive the said *Andrew Brooks*, and him safely to keep in your Custody, until he shall give Security as aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Gunpowder.

Warrant to search for Gunpowder.

Midd. H. *To the Constables of Islington in the County aforesaid.*

WHereas Notice hath been given to us 5 Geo. 1. c. 26.
William Brown and Edward Smith,
Esqs. two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that On Oath of two Witnesses the Justices to make order for Removal.
Charles Dawson of your Parish, Grocer, keeps a larger Quantity of Gunpowder in his Ware-house than is allow'd by Law: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to make diligent Search in the Store-house of the said *Charles Dawson*, in the Day-time, for such Gunpowder; and if you find in the said Store-house more than six hundred Pounds Weight, that you do certify the same to us, in order to our Proceeding therein, as the Law directs. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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Warrant

Hawkers.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture against a Hawker for trading without a Licence.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

8 & 9 W.
3. c. 25.
9 & 10
W. 3. c.
27.
3 & 4
Ann. c.
4.

WHereas *Adam Brown* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Chapman, hath this Day been legally convicted before me of selling several Goods in the Parish of *Cople*, and of being a trading Hawker or Pedlar without Licence, or being otherwise legally Qualified to do the same, contrary to the Statute in that Case made, whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of twelve Pounds: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to levy the Sum of twelve Pounds by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the said *Adam Brown*, and to pay one Moiety thereof to *Charles Deer*, the Prosecutor of the said *Adam Brown*, and Informer of the said Offence, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish of *Cople* aforesaid, according to the Direction of the said Statutes. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Hedges.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for breaking Hedges.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas it hath been duly prov'd before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *Thomas Papper* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Labourer, hath, within six Weeks last past, broke the Hedges of *John Sams* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid (or as the Case is) contrary to the Laws in that Case made and provided; I do therefore hereby appoint the said *Thomas Papper*, within five Days after Notice hereof, to pay unto the said *John Sams* nine Shillings, in Recompence and Satisfaction of the Wrong so done, as aforesaid; and if the said *Thomas Papper* shall not pay the same, that then you inform me thereof, that such farther Proceedings may be had against him for the said Offence, as the Law requireth: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c. 43 Eliz. c. 7.

The same for robbing Orchards or stealing Standing Corn.

Warrant

Warrant to whip a Person for breaking Hedges.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Everton in the said County of Bedford.*

43 Eliz.
c. 7.

WHereas it hath been duly proved before me, that *James Deer* of *Southill* in the said County of *Bedford*, did on the 13th Day of this Instant *December*, break the Hedges of *William Afrell*, Esq; standing in the said Parish of *Everton*, contrary to the Laws in that Case made and provided; and it appears to me that the said *James Deer* is not able to make Satisfaction for the Wrong he hath done, as aforesaid; I do therefore hereby order that the said *James Deer* be whipped by the said Constables of *Everton*, or one of them, as the Law in that Case requireth. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The same Penalty for robbing Orchards, or stealing Standing Corn.

Warrant

Highways.

Warrant to summon People that have not done their Duties on the Highways.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill in the said County, or either of them.*

THESE are, in his Majesty's Name, ^{2 & 3 P.}
to require and authorise you, on ^{& M. c.}
Sight hereof, that you give personal No- ^{8.}
tice to all and every of the Persons with- ^{5 Eliz.}
in mentioned, that they be and ap- ^{c. 13.}
pear before us, two of his Majesty's Ju- ^{18 Eliz.}
stices of the Peace, in and for this County, ^{c. 10.}
on *Monday* next by Eleven of the Clock,
at the House of Sir *William Smyth* in *War-*
den, to shew cause why they should not
be severally fined, according to the seve-
ral Statutes in that Case made, for neglec-
ting their six Days Work on his Majesty's
Highways, in the Parish of *Northill* a-
foresaid. Given under our Hands and
Seals this 16th Day of *January* 1729.

Warrant

Warrant to levy certain Sums on
Persons who have not done their
Duties on the Highways.

To the Surveyors of the Highways
in the Parish of Northill.

22 Car. 2.
c. 12.

Bed. ff.

W Hereas Complaint hath been made before us, upon Oath, that due Notice hath been given to *Andrew Bell, Thomas Palmer, James Orsbourn* and *John Smith*, all of the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid, Labourers, to work on the Highways in the said Parish, on certain Days lately appointed for that Purpose, in order to amend the same; and that they and each of them have neglected and refused so to do: These are therefore to require you forthwith to levy the respective Sums hereafter mentioned, upon the respective Goods and Chattels of the said several Persons, by Distress and Sale thereof, that is to say,

Upon the Goods of <i>Andrew Bell</i> , for neglecting	} l. s. d.	
two Days		00 03 00

Upon the Goods of <i>Thomas Palmer</i> for neglecting	} l. s. d.	
three Days		00 04 06

And that you employ the said Sums when levied, for and towards the amending

Highways.

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ing the Highways in the said Parish of
Northil: And hereof fail not. Given un-
der our Hands and Seals, &c.

	l.	s.	d.
Penalties, Every Day Labourer	00	01	06
Every Man and Horse	00	03	00
Every Cart with two Men	00	10	00
for every Default.			

Order of Justices for a Surveyor
to dig Gravel, &c. for repair-
ing the Highways.

Bcd. ff. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been ^{5 Eliz.}
made before us, two of his ^{c. 13.}
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said
County, by *Charles Driver* and *James*
King, Surveyors of the Highways of *Big-*
gleswade in the County aforesaid, that
there is not sufficient Gravel, Sand or
Stones in the said Parish of *Biggleswade*,
for the Repairing of the Highways there-
in, we do therefore, in Pursuance of the
Authority given us by the Statute, hereby
order and allow the said Surveyors, or ei-
ther of them, and such Person or Persons
as they or either of them shall appoint,
to dig, take, and carry away Gravel, Sand,
or Stones, out of any Waste or Common
in any Parish or Village in the Neighbour-
hood of the said Parish of *Biggleswade*,
without paying any thing for the same, to
be employed in Repairing and Amending
the

Highways.

the Highways aforesaid, so as they do fill up the Place from whence such Gravel, Sand, or Stones shall be so dig'd (if required by the Owner of the Soil). Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Person for pulling up Posts on a Causeway.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Southill in the said County of Bedford.*

7 & 8 W.
3. c. 29.
One Ju-
stice.
One Wit-
ness.

WHereas *Andrew Bell* of *Southill* aforesaid, hath this Day given Information upon Oath before me, that on *Monday* last past, about Eight of the Clock in the Evening of the same Day, *Charles Dawson* of your said Parish, did cut down and carry away a certain Post, out of the Causeway adjoining to the Highway, leading from *Potton* to *Sutton*, there set up for the Preservation of the said Causeway from Carts, &c. contrary to the Statute in that Behalf made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of 20s. on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Dawson*, which he hath forfeited for the Offence aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to levy the Penalty on
one for laying Timber in the
Highways.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill in
the said County of Bedford.*

W Hereas *Richard Austin* hath this 3 & 4 W.
Day made Oath before us, two of & M. c.
his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the 12.
County aforesaid, that *John Orsbourn* of
Northill in the said County of *Bedford*,
Carpenter, did, within six Months last
past, lay Timber and Logs in the High-
way leading from *Caldecot* to *Northill* in
the said Parish of *Northill*, the said Way
not being twenty Foot broad, so that the
same was much obstructed, by Reason
whereof he hath forfeited five Shillings,
one Moiety to the said *Richard Austin*,
who hath inform'd us of the said Offence,
and the other Moiety towards amending
the said Highways: These are therefore,
in his Majesty's Name, to require and
authorise you to levy the said Forfeiture
on the Goods and Chattels of the said
John Orsbourn, by Distress and Sale there-
of, and to distribute the same as the Sta-
tute appoints. Given under our Hands
and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture on
a Surveyor, for not erecting a
Post at Cross-ways for the Di-
rection of Travellers.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Shefford in the said Coun-
ty of Bedford.*

8 & 9 W.
3. c. 16.

W Hereas the Post some time since
erected and set up in the Highway
leading from *Sutton* to *Potton*, at the
Meeting of several Cross-ways therein, is
decayed and consumed, so as to be ren-
dered useless: And whereas *Adam Bell*,
Surveyor of the Highways in the said Pa-
rish of *Shefford*, was ordered by us to
erect and set up a new Post at the Meer-
ing of the Cross-ways aforesaid, with an
Inscription thereon in large Letters, set-
ting forth the Name of the next Market-
Town, to which each of the said Cross-
ways led, according to the Statute in that
Case made; and the said *Adam Bell* hath
neglected to do the same, whereby he
hath forfeited the Sum of 10*s.* to be em-
ployed towards the erecting and setting
up such Post: These are therefore, in his
Majesty's Name, to require and authorise
you, and either of you, to levy the said Sum
of 10*s.* on the Goods and Chattels of
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the said *Adam Bell*, which he hath forfeited for his Neglect, and apply it to the Use aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Labourers.

Warrant to apprehend a Workman leaving Work unfinish'd.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sutton in the said County.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made ; Eliz. before me, that *Andrew Baker* of c. 4. *Sutton* aforesaid, Husbandman, having undertaken to perform and finish a certain Piece of Work for *Charles Dudley* of *Clifton* in the said County, Yeoman, viz. to hough eight Acres of Turnips, &c. [at so much, by the Great] hath departed from and left the said Work unfinish'd, without any just Excuse, contrary to Agreement, and to the very great Detriment of the said *Charles Dudley*, &c. These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Andrew Baker*, and bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises,

Premiffes, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus to the House of Correction for one that refuses to go to Service.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford, and also to the Constables of Warden in the same County.*

9 Eliz.
c. 4

WHereas it hath been duly prov'd before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of Peace for the said County, that *John Sole* of *Soushill* in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, Labourer, is a dissolute and disorderly Person, and refuses to go into Service, or employ himself in any honest Way to get his Livelihood: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, or one of you, forthwith to convey him the said *John Sole* to the said House of Correction: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law, and to give him due Correction, and hold

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hold him to hard Labour: Thereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal this Fourteenth Day of September 1727.

Commitment of a Journeyman Taylor for refusing to Work for the Statute Wages.

Midd. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of St. Clement Danes in the County of Middlesex, or either of them, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

W Hereas *Andrew Bell* of the Parish 7 Geo. 1. of *St. Clement Danes* aforesaid, c. 13. within the Liberty of *Westminster*, Taylor, hath made Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *George Hill*, a Journeyman Taylor of the said Parish, did on *Monday* last refuse to Work with the said *Andrew Bell* for the Wages of ——— contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to apprehend the said *George Hill*, and bring him before us, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premis-

Labourers. Oaths.

Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Oaths.

Oath of Allegiance.

I W. &
M. c. 8.

I *A. B.* do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be Faithful, and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King *George* the Second. *So help me God, &c.*

Oath of Supremacy.

I W. &
M. c. 8.

I *A. B.* do swear, that I do from my Heart, abhor, detest, and abjure, as Impious and Heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of *Rome*, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever.

And I do declare, that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminence or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm. *So help me God, &c.*

Decla-

Declaration concerning Transubstantiation.

I *A. B.* do declare, that I do believe 25 Car. 2.
that there is not any Transubstantiation c. 2.
in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or
in the Elements of Bread and Wine, at
or before the Consecration thereof, by any
Person whatsoever.

Declaration against Transubstantiation, &c.

I *A. B.* do solemnly and sincerely, in the 30 Car.
Presence of GOD, profess, testify and 2. c. 1.
declare, that I do believe that in the Sa-
crament of the Lord's Supper, there is
not any Transubstantiation of the Ele-
ments of Bread and Wine into the Body
and Blood of CHRIST, at or before the
Consecration thereof, by any Person whatso-
ever; and that the Invocation or Adoration
of the Virgin *Mary*, or any other Saint,
and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they are
now used in the Church of *Rome*, are Su-
perstitious and Idolatrous. And I do so-
lemnly, in the Presence of GOD, profess,
testify and declare, that I do make this
Declaration, and every Part thereof, in the
plain and ordinary Sense of the Words
read unto me, as they are commonly un-
derstood

derstood by *English* Potestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation or Mental Reservation whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this Purpose, by the Pope, or any Authority or Person whatsoever; or without any Hope of any such Dispensation from any Person or Authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before GOD or Man, or absolved in this Declaration, or any Part thereof, although the Pope or any other Person or Persons, or Power whatsoever, should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the Beginning.

Oath of Abjuration.

1 Geo. 1.
c. 13.

I *A. B.* do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, in my Conscience, before GOD and the World, that our Sovereign Lord King *George* the Second, is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during the Life of the late King *James*, and since his Decease pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third,
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or of *Scotland*, by the Name of *James* the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of *Great Britain*, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him: And I do swear that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King *George* the Second, and him will defend to the utmost of my Power against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity: And I will do my utmost Endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty and his Successors, all Treasons and traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against him or any of them. And I do faithfully Promise, to the utmost of my Power, to support, maintain and defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said *James*, and all other Persons whatsoever; which Succession, by an Act entituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects*, is and stands limited to the Princess *Sophia*, Electress and Dutchess Dowager of *Hannover*, and the Heirs of his Body, being Protestants: And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of

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the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever: And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation and Promise, heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian. *So help me God.*

Assurance for Scotland.

1 Geo. 1.
c. 13.

I *A. B.* do in the Sincerity of my Heart, assert, acknowledge and declare, that his Majesty King *George* the Second, is the only lawful undoubted Sovereign of this Realm, as well *De Jure*, that is, a right King, as *De Facto*, that is, in the Possession and Exercise of the Government; and therefore I do sincerely and faithfully promise and engage, that I will with Heart and Hand, Life and Goods, maintain and defend his Majesty's Title and Government against the pretended Prince of *Wales* and his Adherents, and all other Enemies, who either by open or secret Attempts, shall disturb or disquiet his Majesty in the Possession and Exercise thereof.

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Declaration of Fidelity to be taken by Quakers.

I *A. B.* do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will be true and faithful to King *George* the Second; and do solemnly, sincerely and truly profess, testify and declare, that I do from my Heart abhor, detest and renounce, as Impious and Heretical, that wicked Doctrine and Position, that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of *Rome*, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects or any other whatsoever; and I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Pre-eminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm.

*I W. &
M. c. 8.*

Quakers Profession of Faith.

I *A. B.* profess Faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ his eternal Son, the true God, and in the Holy Spirit, one God Blessed for evermore: And do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, to be given by Divine Inspiration.

*I W. &
M. c. 8.*

Quakers Affirmation.

7 & 8 W.
3. c. 34.

I *A. B.* do declare in the Presence of Almighty God, the Witness of the Truth of what I say.

Instead of the solemn Affirmation required of the Quakers by the 7 & 8 W. 3. they are by this Statute allowed to leave out the Word God, and to make their Affirmation in the Words following, viz.

I *A. B.* do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm.

Constable's Oath.

YOU shall well and truly, according to your Knowledge, Power and Ability, execute the Office of a Constable, so long as you shall continue in that Office.

High Constable's Oath.

YOU shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord King George the Second, in the Office of a Constable, in and for the Hundred of *Wixamtree*, for the Year ensuing, or until you shall be thereof discharged, according to due Course of Law:

Law: You shall well and truly do and execute all Things belonging to the said Office, according to the best of your Knowledge. *So help you God.*

High Constable's Oath when he delivers in his Presentments.

YOU shall true Presentment make to the Grand Inquest of all Offences and Misdemeanors done or committed within your Hundred, and which are in any wise come to your Knowledge, and belonging to you, to present without any Concealment.

Oath of a Petty Constable or Headborough.

YOU shall swear well and truly to execute the Office of a Constable for the Parish of *Norrbill* for the Year next ensuing, and until another shall be sworn in your Room, or until you shall be lawfully discharged from the said Office.

Oath to a Witness upon his Examination.

YOU shall true answer make to all such Matters as shall be demanded of you concerning a Felony with which *Adam Bell* is charged; you shall speak the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

Oath of an Excise-Man and Gauger.

12 Car. 2.
c. 23.

Two Justices must certify the taking this Oath next Sessions.

YOU shall swear to execute the Office of a Gauger of the Excise faithfully and truly, without Favour or Affection, and shall make and deliver a true Account from Time to Time to such Person or Persons as his Majesty shall appoint to receive the same, and shall take no Reward of Fee for the Execution of the said Office, from any other Person than from his Majesty, or those whom his Majesty shall appoint in that Behalf.

He must also at the same Time take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, per 1 Will. 3. c. 8.

Oath

Oath taken by the Grand Jury.

YOU, as Foreman of the Grand Inquest for the Body of this County of *Bedford*, shall diligently Inquire and true Presentment make of all such Matters and Things which shall be given to you in Charge; his Majesty's Counsel, your Fellows and your own you shall keep secret; you shall not Present any Person for Envy, Hatred or Malice, nor conceal any Truth for Fear, Pavour, Affection, Reward, Gain or Hope, but you shall in all Things, to the best of your Skill and Knowledge, present the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

The rest of the Jury by Three.

THE same Oath which *A. B.* your Foreman hath taken on this Behalf, you and every of you shall well and truly observe and keep, on your Parts.

Orchards.

Warrant to search for People suspected of robbing an Orchard.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northhill in the said County.*

43 Eliz.
c. 7.

WHereas it appears to me, upon the Complaint of *Owen Thomas Bromsall, Esq;* that on *Saturday Night* last, his Garden, in your Town, was robb'd of a great Number of Peaches and other Fruit, and that he hath just Reason to suspect some idle dissolute Persons in your Parish, to have committed the said Fact: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, on Sight hereof, that you make diligent Search in all and every the Houses, Outhouses, and Places belonging to such Persons, and upon finding any such Fruit, to seise the same, and also to bring such Persons, in whose Possession the same shall be found, before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the said Complaint. Given under my Hand and Seal this First Day of *September 1729.*

Warrant

Warrant to Whip a Person for robbing a Garden.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill in the said County.*

WHEREAS it hath been duly proved ^{43 Eliz.} before me, that *James Deer* of ^{c. 7.} *Northill* aforesaid, Labourer, did on the 21st Day of *August* last, rob the Gardens of *Owen Thomas Bromsall*, Esq; in your said Parish, contrary to the Laws in that Case made and provided. And whereas it appears to me that the said *James Deer* is not able to make Satisfaction for the Wrong he hath done, as aforesaid: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to cause the said *James Deer* to be publickly Whipp'd in your said Parish of *Northill*, as the Law in that Case requires. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The same Proceedings for stealing Standing Corn or beaking Hedges.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for robbing a Garden.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northhill in the said County of Bedford.*

43 Eliz.
c. 7.

WHereas it hath been duly proved before me, that *James Deer* of *Northhill* aforesaid, hath, within six Weeks last past, robb'd the Garden of *Owen Thomas Bromsall*, Esq; in your said Parish, contrary to the Laws in that Case made and provided, I do therefore hereby appoint the said *James Deer*, within five Days after Notice hereof, to pay unto the said *Owen Thomas Bromsall*, nine Shillings, in Recompence and Satisfaction of the Wrong so done as aforesaid; and if the said *James Deer* shall not pay the same, that then you inform me thereof, that such further Proceedings may be had against him for the said Offence as the Law requires: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Papists.

**Warrant to make search after and
seise Arms in the Possession of
Papists.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Warden in
the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas we have received Informa-
tion by *Edward Fuller* of *Sutton*
in the said County, *Taylor*, that there are
great Quantities of Arms, Ammunition,
&c. lodged and concealed in the House of
Abraham Brotherton of *Warden* afore-
said, Esq; a Papist, or reputed Papist,
contrary to the Laws in that Case made:
These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you im-
mediately, upon the Receipt hereof, to
make diligent Search, in the Day-time,
in the Houses and Outhouses of the said
Abraham Brotherton, or other suspected
Places, as you shall think fit; and if upon
your Search, you find any Arms, Ammu-
nition, &c. that then you seise the same
for the Use of the King, and bring them
to us or some other of his Majesty's Ju-
stices of the Peace for this County, to be
delivered at the next Quarter-Sessions to
be holden for this County, for his Maje-
sty's Use. Given under our Hands and
Seals, &c.

*I W. &c.
M. c. 15.
Two Ju-
stices.*

War-

Warrant of Commitment of Papists concealing Arms, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Luton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

1 W. &
M. c. 5.

WHereas *Adam Bell* and *Christopher Deer* of *Luton* aforesaid, Papists, or reputed Papists, having lately refused to appear before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*; and whereas the Houses and Outhouses of the said *Adam Bell* and *Christopher Deer*, on *Thursday* the 12th of this Instant *July*, were searched for the Discovery of Arms, Ammunition, &c. as the Statutes direct, by Virtue of our Warrant for that Purpose, and no Arms, Ammunition, &c. were found in the said Search: And whereas *Landey Godfrey* of *Sutton* aforesaid, Weaver, hath made Information before us, that in the Bedchamber of the said *Adam Bell*, on the 12th of this Instant *July*, the Day of the Search made, after the same was over, he saw two Guns, two Cases of Pistols, and other War-like Weapons concealed; and that in the House of the said *Christopher Deer*, in a Closet there, two Swords, and three

Pair

Pair of Pistols were concealed, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Adam Bell* and *Christopher Deer*, and to convey them to the Gaol aforesaid: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive them the said *Adam Bell* and *Christopher Deer* into your Custody, and them there safely to keep for the Space of three Months, without Bail, and until they shall be discharged by due Course of Law, and also to seise the Arms concealed as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Peace.

Warrant to apprehend one for
breaking of the Peace.

Bed. H. To the Constables of Northill
in the said Countrey of Bedford.

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, that *John Smith* of Northill aforesaid, Barber, is a Person of a lewd Life and Conversation, and a common Disturber of the Peace: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to bring the said *John Smith* before me, or some other

other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to answer unto such Matters as shall be objected against him by *Robert Peters* of *Warden* in the said County of *Bedford*, Yeoman; and also that you require him the said *John Smith* to bring sufficient Sureties for his Good Behaviour until the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

This is founded on the Authority given to Justices of the Peace by their Commission, which see.

Warrant to apprehend Persons for beating another, and to warn them to bring Sureties for Good Behaviour.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Roxton in the said County of Bedford, or either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, by *William Sharp* of *Roxton* aforesaid, Labourer, that on the Eighth Day of this Instant *May*, he was assaulted and dangerously wounded by *Nicholas Huckle* of *Roxton* aforesaid, single Man,

Man, and *Henry Huckle* of the same Parish, Blacksmith:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, forthwith to apprehend the said *Nicholas Huckle* and *Henry Huckle*, and bring them before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the Premises; and you are also to warn the said *Nicholas Huckle* and *Henry Huckle*, to bring sufficient Sureties with them for their Good Behaviour until the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Founded on their Commission.

Warrant to apprehend Persons rescuing their Cattle from going to Pound.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Hamlet of Motheranger in the Parish of Blunham in the said County of Bedford.*

Whereas Complaint was this Day made before me, by *John Coolidge* of *Motheranger* aforesaid, Yeoman, and *Mary Parkins* of the same Place, Widow, that
on

on the Eighth Day of this Instant *June*, *John Perry* of *Motheranger* aforesaid, Bricklayer, and *Mary Barber*, the Wife of *John Barber* of the same Place, and divers other Persons unknown, did, in a violent and riotous Manner, unlawfully rescue from the said *John Coolidge*, and one *George Dennis*, Servants of the said *Mary Parkins*, seven Cows, as they the said *John Coolidge* and *George Dennis* were driving them to the Pound for a Trespass committed on their Lands by the said Cattle:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to bring the said *John Perry* and *Mary Barber* before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

This is founded on the Authority given to Justices of Peace by their Commission.

Warrant

Warrant to apprehend one for
threatning to burn a House.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Potton in the said County
of Bedford, and either of
them.*

WHereas *Nicholas Aptborp*, of your 22 & 23
said Parish, Apothecary, was, on Car. 2.
the Day of the Date hereof, charged upon c. 7.
Oath before me, by *Joseph Cooper* of
Caldecot in the Parish of *Northill*, in the
said County of *Bedford*, Husbandman,
with threatning to burn the Dwelling-
house of *John Mordant*, Gent. situate in
Caldecot aforesaid; and whereas the said
John Mordant hath also made Oath be-
fore me, that he is really afraid the said
Nicholas Aptborp will put his said evil De-
sign in Execution, and set Fire to his said
House, if not timely prevented:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you, and
either of you, to apprehend the said
Nicholas Aptborp, and bring him before
me and Sir *William Smyth*, two of his
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the
said County, at the Mansion-house of the
said Sir *William Smith*, situate in *Warden*
in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, on
Friday the Sixth of this Instant *Decem-*
ber, to be examined concerning the Pre-
misses,

misses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this Fifth Day of December 1728.

The same may be granted where a Person threatens to kill, beat or wound another.

The Offender to give Sureties to appear at the next Sessions, and in the mean time to keep the Peace or be committed.

Warrant to the High Constable to apprehend the Petty Constable for Breach of Peace.

Bed. H. *To the High Constables of the Hundred of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, by *Ralph Emmerson* of *Temsford* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. that *William Warren* of *Temsford* aforesaid, Taylor, Constable of the said Parish, hath committed a notorious Breach of the Peace on the Person of the said *Ralph Emmerson*, by beating and abusing him when he had him in his Custody, on the 27th of this Instant *November*, and was then also Guilty of profane Cursing and Swearing :

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These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *William Warren*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 28th Day of November 1728.

This is by Virtue of their Commission.

Mittimus for want of Sureties for the Peace.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County of Bedford, or to his Deputy there, and to the Constables of the Parish of Southill in the said County.*

Whereas *Joseph Adams* of Ciston in the County of Bedford aforesaid, Blacksmith, was this Day brought before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and charged, upon Oath, by *Oliver Bond* of Southill aforesaid, Carpenter, with assaulting him the said *Oliver Bond*, and committing divers other Misdemeanors against his Majesty's Peace: And whereas the said *Joseph Adams* hath not brought before me sufficient

sufficient Sureties to enter into Recognizances to our Sovereign Lord the King for the said Offence, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, or one of you, to take the said *Joseph Adams*, and convey him to the said Gaol; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Joseph Adams* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 20th Day of April 1727.

This by Virtue of their Commission.

Warrant

Pigeons.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for shooting of Pigeons, or on Default thereof, to commit the Offender.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Sutton in the said County of Bedford.*

W Hereas *Adam Bull* of *Potton* in the *1 Jac. 1.*
County aforesaid, and *Charles Deer* c. 27.

of the same Place, have this Day made Oath before us, that on the 13th of this Instant *July*, in the Common Field called the *North-field*, adjoining to the Pigeon-house of *James King* in *Potton* aforesaid, one *Edward Fuller* of your Parish, did, with a Gun, kill and destroy, at one shoot, one Brace of Pigeons, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made; whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of 20s. for each Pigeon so kill'd, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton*, where the said Offence was committed: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of 40 s. of the Goods of the said *Edward Fuller*, by Distress and Sale thereof, which he hath forfeited, as aforesaid, and that you do pay the same, when levied, to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor

4 & 5 W.
& M. c.

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Justice
may punish
the Offender.

of the said Parish of *Potton*, for the Use of the Poor there, according to the Direction of the Acts of Parliament: And if the said *Edward Fuller* shall not have Goods whereof a sufficient Distress may be taken to satisfy the said Forfeiture, and shall refuse to pay the same, then you are hereby requir'd to convey the said *Edward Fuller* to the Common Gaol in and for the said County; Commanding you the said Keeper to take him into your Custody, and there to keep him for the Space of three Months, without Bail. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

1002.

An Indenture to place a poor Boy out Apprentice.

43 Eilz.
c. 2.

THIS Indenture made the Third Day of *August*, in the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno Dom. 1730. Witnesseth, That *Adam Bull* and *Charles Deer*, Church-wardens of the Parish of *Potton*, in the said County of *Bedford*, and *Edward Francis* and *George Hurst*, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Consent of two

of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said County, whose Names are hereunto subscribed (*Quor. un.*) have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place *Edward Lawrence*, a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to *Nathaniel Barker* of *Biggleswade* in the County aforesaid, Weaver, with him to dwell and serve, from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall Accomplish his full Age of Twenty-four Years, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided, during all which Term the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Busineses, according to his Power, Wit and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently, in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master, and all his, during the said Term; and the said *Nathaniel Barker*, for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Church-wardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, that he the said *Nathaniel Barker*, the said Apprentice in the Trade of a Weaver, which he now useth, shall and will teach and instruct, and during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide and allow unto the said Apprentice, competent and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other Things necessary

fary and fit for an Apprentice ; and at the End of the said Term, shall and will make, provide, allow and deliver unto the said Apprentice double Apparel of all Sorts, good and new (that is to say) one good new Suit for the Holy Days, and another for the working Days. *In Witness* whereof the Parties first above-named to these present Indentures, interchangeably their Hands and Seals have set the Day and Year first above-written.

Witness,

A. B.} Church-wardens.
C. D.}

E. F.} Overseers.
G. H.}

We *William Brown* and *Edward Smith*, Esqs. two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, (*Quor. un.*) do hereby declare our Consent to the putting forth the above said *Edward Lawrence* Apprentice to the said *Nathaniel Barker*, according to the Intent and Meaning of the Indenture above-written,

W. B.

E. S.

See the Warrant to levy the Penalty on one or refusing an Apprentice, under Tit. Apprentices.

Warrant

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture of Church-wardens, &c. refusing a poor Person removed by Order of the Justices.

Bed. ff. To the High Constable of the Hundred of Biggleswade in the said County.

Whereas *Adam Butterfield*, who some 3 & 4 W. time since came from the Parish & M. c. of *Blunban* to the Parish of *Biggleswade* 11. in the said County of *Bedford*, and there endeavouring to get a Settlement, contrary to Law, was, by Virtue of an Order made and signed by *William Brown* and *John Emmerson*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, lately removed from the said Parish of *Biggleswade* to the said Parish of *Blunham*, where the said *Adam Butterfield* is a legal Parishioner and Inhabitant, and was refused to be received by *C. D. G. H. Two Witnesses. J. K. L. M. the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish One Justice. of Blunham*, as hath been duly proved, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided; whereby the said Church-wardens and Overseers have forfeited the Sum of five Pounds: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorize

thorise you to levy the said Sum of five Pounds on the said *C. D. G. H. J. K. L. M.* the Church-wardens and Overseers aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of their respective Goods and Chattels. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Notice by Church-wardens of Appeal to the Sessions on a Removal by Justices.

Bed. ff. To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Potton, in the said County of Bedford.

9 Geo. 1. **T**HIS is to inform you, and every of you, that we the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Northill in the County aforesaid, do intend, at the next Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of Bedford, to commence and prosecute an Appeal against you the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Potton, for and concerning the unjust Removal of *Andrew Betts*, from the said Parish of Potton to our Parish of Northill, of which you are to take this Notice. Witness our Hands, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to send a Wife and Children to her Husband, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before us, that *Hannah* the Wife of *John Smith*, an Inhabitant of the Parish of *Potton* in the said County, is lately come into your Parish of *Biggleswade*, and hath brought with her three Children of the said *John Smith*, being all Infants, and that the said *Hannah* and Children are likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of *Biggleswade*: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, or some of you, forthwith, upon Sight hereof, to convey the said *Hannah* and Children, to the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, and to deliver them to the said *John Smith*, there to be settled with him, according to Law; and if you do not find him there, then to deliver the said *Hannah* and Children to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton*; requiring you the said Overseers to provide for them as Inhabitants of your Parish. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

43 Eliz. c. 2.
13 & 14 Car. 2. c. 12.
3 & 4 W. & M. c. 11.
12 Ann. c. 23.

Order to seise the Goods and Rents
of one who left his Wife and
Children on the Parish.

Bed. ff. *To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Luton in the County aforesaid.*

5 Geo. 1.
c. 8.

Two Justices.

Quor. un.

WHereas it appeareth unto us, upon the Complaint of you the said Church-wardens and Overseers, that *James Smith* of your Parish, Carpenter, is departed from his usual Place of Abode, and hath left his Wife and three Children upon the Charge of the said Parish of *Luton*, though he hath a sufficient Estate to discharge and indemnify the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to seise and take so much of the Goods and Chattels of the said *James Smith*, and to receive so much of his Rents yearly issuing out of his Lands, as will amount to the Sum of — which we do hereby appoint you to receive for and towards the Discharge of the said Parish, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Mitt-

Mittimus to the House of Correction, of one for running away from his Family, and leaving them to the Parish.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford, and to the Constables of Northill in the said County.*

W Hereas it hath been duly proved up- 43 Eliz.
on Oath, before us, two of his Ma- c. 2.
jesty's Justices of the Peace for the said
County (*Quor. un.*) that *John Thomson*
of the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid, Black-
smith, being able to labour and provide
for his Family, did notwithstanding, in
or about the Month of *May* last, run away
from his said Family, out of the said Pa-
rish, and absent himself from thence for
the Space of six Months, in Parts unknown,
whereby his Children became chargeable
to the said Parish:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you the
said Constables, or either of you, forthwith
to take the said *John Thomson*, and con-
vey him to the House of Correction afore-
said; and you the said Keeper are hereby
required to receive him into your Custody,
and him safely to keep until he shall be
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discharged by due Course of Law ; and in the mean time to give him the full Correction of the House, and otherwise to deal with him as an incorrigible Rogue : And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend Persons coming into a Parish with their Families, without Certificates.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sandy in the said County of Bedford.*

13 & 14
Car. 2.
c. 12.
Vide 12
Ann.
Sess. 1.
c. 18.

WHeress Complaint hath been made before me, by *John Britain*, Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of *Sandy*, that *Thomas Harold*, *William Pierson* and *William Smith*, with their Wives and Families, and *John Burgefs*, single Man, have lately come into your said Parish of *Sandy* to reside there, not having obtain'd a legal Settlement, or produc'd any Certificate of their being settled elsewhere:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to bring the said *Thomas Harold*, *William Pierson*, *William Smith* and *John Burgefs*, before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

War-

Warrant to grant a poor Man a weekly Allowance.

Bed. ff. *To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Willington in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint was made before 43 Eliz.
me, by *A. B.* a poor Man of the c. 2.
Parish of *Willington* aforesaid, that he hath 9 Geor. 1.
a Family of small Children, and is not
able to subsist them by his Labour, with-
out the Relief of the said Parish: And
whereas I have summon'd you, the said
Overseers of the Poor of *Willington*, be-
fore me, to shew Cause why the said
A. B. should not be relieved; and upon
hearing both Parties, it does appear to
me that the said *A. B.* ought to be reliev'd
by the said Parish:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you the
said Overseers of the Poor of the Parish
of *Willington* aforesaid, to pay unto the
said *A. B.* 2s. 6d. a Week, towards the
Subsistence of himself and his said Fami-
ly, so long as he shall remain unable to
provide for them. Given under my Hand
and Seal, &c.

Mittimus to send an Overseer to Prison for deducting Money out of what is allowed a poor Person.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of his Majesty's Prison in and for the said County of Bedford, or to his Deputy there, and to the Constables of Northill in the said County.*

43 Eliz.
c. 2.

WHereas *John Rogers*, Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of *Northill*, was this Day brought before me, and charged upon Oath, by *Sarah Keep* of *Northill* aforesaid, Widow, to have deducted and witholden from her the Sum of three Shillings, ordered to be paid her by the Parishioners of the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid, for the Relief of herself and Family; and the said *John Rogers* being able to shew no sufficient Cause why he hath with-held the said Collection from the said Widow *Keep*, and still persisting in his Refusal to pay the same, or to enter into a Recognisance to appear at the next Quarter-Sessions for the County aforesaid, to answer the Premisses, and to abide the Determination of the said Court: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require

require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *John Rogers*, and convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *John Rogers* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Order of two Justices to send one to the Parish where he was last legally settled.

Bed. ff. *To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Rumford in the County of Essex, and to every of them.*

W Hereas Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford* (*Quor. un.*) by you the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton*, that *Grace Willis* of the Parish of *Rumford* aforesaid, Spinster, is lately come to
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reside and dwell in your said Parish of *Potton*, not having obtained a legal Settlement there, or produced a Certificate acknowledging her to be settled elsewhere, and that she is **actually* become chargeable to your said Parish of *Potton*: And whereas upon the Examination of the said *Grace Willis*, upon Oath, we have determined and adjudged, and do hereby determine and adjudge, that the said *Grace Willis* was last legally settled at the said Parish of *Rumford*: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton*, and every, or any of you, to convey the said *Grace Willis* to the Parish of *Rumford* aforesaid; and you the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Rumford*, are hereby required to receive and provide for the said *Grace Willis*, as an Inhabitant of your said Parish. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Mittimus

Mittimus to the House of Correction for Persons returning into a Parish from whence they were removed.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton, and to either of them, and also to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Richard Markenneß, being 43 Eliz. in January Anno Dom. 1715. law- c. 2. fully settled in the Parish of *Gransden* 13 & 14 *Magna*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, Car. 2. did, by Virtue of a Certificate under the e. 12. Hands and Seals of the Church-wardens 3 & 4 W. and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish & M. c. of *Gransden Magna*, bearing Date the 11. Ninth Day of *January Anno Dom. 1715.* 12 Ann. c. 23. come and settle in the Parish of *Potton* afore said: And whereas, upon Complaint made by the Officers of the said Parish of *Potton*, that the said *Richard Markenneß*, with his Wife and Family were likely to be chargeable to their Parish, they obtained an Order, under the Hands and Seals of two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, to remove him and his Wife and Family to the said Parish of *Gransden Magna*, and accordingly did re- move

move him and his Wife and Family; since which the said *Richard Markenness* and his Family, did, of his and their own Accord, return to the said Parish from whence they were removed: These are therefore to require you, that you, or some or one of you, do forthwith convey the said *Richard Markenness* and *Sarah* his Wife, to the House of Correction, and there to deliver him to the Keeper thereof; requiring you also the said Keeper, to receive them into your Custody, and punish them as Vagrants (unless the Wife shall be with Child). Given under my Hand and Seal this 20th Day of *July* 1728.

Warrant to remove a Person coming into a Parish by Certificate, on his becoming chargeable.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the County aforesaid.*

8 & 9 W. 3. c. 30. **W**Hereas *Andrew Brotherton*, by Virtue of a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Luton* in the said County of *Bedford*, subscribed and allowed by two Justices of the Peace, hath been permitted to come and reside in the Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, about the Space of two Years last past,

past, for his better Maintenance and Live-
lihood; but as the Family of the said *Andrew Brotherton* is since encreased, and
he is not able to maintain them without
Relief, whereby they are likely to become
chargeable to the said Parish of *Biggles-
swade*: These are therefore, in his Ma- *Two Ju-*
jesty's Name, to require and authorise you *stices.*
to convey the said *Andrew Brotherton* and
his Wife and Family, to the said Parish of
Luton, where they are, by the Certificate
above recited, owned and acknowledged
to be settled Inhabitants and Parishioners,
and that you do deliver them to the Over-
seers of the Poor of the said Parish, to-
gether with this Precept, &c. Given un-
der our Hands and Seals, &c.

Title

*Title of a Rate and Assessment for
the Poor.*

43 Eliz.

c. 2.

A RATE and Assessment made this 10th Day of May 1729. on the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Northill* in the said County of *Bedford*, for and towards the necessary Relief of the Poor of the said Parish.

A. B. for his Messuage _____

C. D. for one Tenement _____

E. F. for one Cottage _____

G. H. }
J. K. } Church-wardens.

L. M. }
N. O. } Overseers.

We whose Names are hereto subscribed, being Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Northill*, have perused this Assessment, and do hereby declare our Approbation thereof,

C. L.

G. D.

T. M. &c.

The Rate and Assessment above is allow'd by us the 12th Day of May 1729.

J. L. }
C. T. } Justices.

Warrant

Warrant to distrain for a Poor Rate.

Bed. ff. *To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Dunstable in the said County.*

FOrasmuch as Complaint hath been made by you unto us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, that the several Persons hereunder named, have refused to pay unto you the several Sums of Money adjoined to their several Names, being assessed upon them severally for and towards the necessary Relief of the Poor of the said Parish (according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided): These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, that you, some or one of you do forthwith levy the said several and respective Sums of Money by Distress and Sale of the several and respective Goods of the said Offenders, rendering to the Parties the Overplus: And in Default of such Distress, that then you, some or one of you do certify the same unto us, to the end that there may be farther Proceedings touching the Premises, as to Justice doth appertain. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

*Two Ju-
stices.
Quor. un.
43 Eliz.
c. 2.*

A. B.	00	01	06
C. D.	00	01	06
E. F.	00	01	04

Warrant

Warrant to take a Distress for Monies ordered to be paid by Justices for Postage.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Southill in the said County of Bedford.*

9 Annæ
c. 10.

WHereas on Complaint this Day exhibited by *Andrew Bull* of *Biggleswade* in the said County of *Bedford*, Postmaster, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *Lawrence Monk* of *Southill* aforesaid, Yeoman, refused to pay the Sum of five Shillings, by him justly due for Postage of Letters, and the Sum of two Shillings which we awarded for Costs, on his Refusal, as aforesaid, upon examining into and determining the Cause of Complaint, according to the Direction of the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the said several Sums of 5 s. and 2 s. on the Goods of the said *Lawrence Monk*, by Distress, and Sale, if not redeemed in three Days; and for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

The

Recognizances.

The Manner of acknowledging Recognizances.

l. s. d.

Bed. J. { *W. O. de, &c. in* 10 0 0
 14th *June* 1729. { *H. O. de, &c. in* 10 0 0
 { *T. W. de, &c. in* 10 0 0

YOU *William Odell, Humphry Osborn* and *Thomas Woodham*, do severally acknowledge to owe to our Sovereign Lord the King, ten Pounds a-piece, to be levied on your respective Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, for the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, if Default shall be made in the Condition under-written.

Condition to appear and prosecute at the Assises.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the Parties above-bounden shall appear at the next Assises, and give Evidence against *William Evans* for a Felony and Burglary committed in the Dwelling-house of *William Jackson* of *Brook End* in the Parish of *Sandy* in the County of *Bedford*, on the Tenth of this Instant *June*; then the Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Another

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Another Condition to appear and prosecute.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That whereas *Andrew Bell* of *Potton* in the said County of *Bedford*, Labourer, was this present Day brought before me by the above-bouden *David Edwards*, Barber, and was by him charg'd with the felonious Taking of twenty Sheep, the Goods of him the said *David Edwards*, and thereupon was committed by me to the common Gaol; if therefore the said *David Edwards* shall and do, at the next Gaol-Delivery to be holden in and for the said County, prefer, or cause to be preferred, one Bill of Indictment of the said Felony, against the said *Andrew Bell*, and shall then also give Evidence there concerning the same, as well to the Jurors that shall then inquire of the Felony, as also to the Jurors that shall pass upon the Trial of the said *Andrew Bell*; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to stand in full Force.

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Bed. ss. 1st Jan. 1747. { A. B. de, Sc. in 20 0 0
C. D. de, Sc. in 10 0 0
E. F. de, Sc. in 10 0 0

YOU A. B. do acknowledge to owe to our Sovereign Lord the King, the Sum of twenty Pounds; and you C. D. and E. F. ten Pounds a-piece, to be levied on your respective Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, if Default shall be made in the Condition under-written.

Condition for Appearance, and to keep the Peace.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the above-bounden A. B. shall personally appear at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the County of Bedford, to answer what shall be then and there objected against him by H. J. on his Majesty's Behalf; and shall, in the mean time, keep the Peace towards the said H. J. and all other his Majesty's Liege People; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Recognizance

Recognizances, with Sureties.

Bed. ff. **M**emorand' quod Johan' Smith
de Northill in Com' præd'
Thomas Pope de eadem Tanner,
& Thomas Bull de eadem Carpenter ter-
tio die Januarii Anno D'ni 1707. venerunt
coram nobis Henrico Philippe & Roberto
Barker, Ar' duobus justiciar' D'ni Regis
ad pacem in Com' præd' conservand' assig-
nat' & in propriis personis suis recognove-
runt se debere dict' D'no Regi modo &
forma sequen', viz. præd' Johan' Smith
in quadraginta libris & præfat' Thomam
Pope & Thomam Bull in viginti libris
separaliter bonæ & legalis monet' Magn'
Britan' de separalibus terris & tenementis
bonis & catallis suis & cujuscumque eor' Ad
opus dicti D'ni Regis hered' & successor'
suor' fieri & levari si contingat præd' Jo-
han' Smith deficere in conditione infra-
scripta.

Condition for Appearance and Good
Behaviour.

THE Condition of this Recognizance
is such, That if the above-bounden
John Smith shall personally appear at the
next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace,
to be holden for the said County of Bed-
ford, to do and receive what shall be then
and

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and there enjoined him by the Court, and in the mean time, that he be of Good Behaviour towards our Sovereign Lord the King, and all other the People of this Kingdom; that then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

If it be for the Peace, then say,

TO answer unto such Matters as shall be objected against him by *Thomas Pope* of *Northill* aforesaid, and to do and receive what shall be then and there enjoined by the Court, and in the mean time to keep the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, as well towards his Majesty, as all his Liege People, and especially towards the said *Thomas Pope*, and shall not do or procure to be done, any bodily Hurt to him; that then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Cap' & Cogn' die & Anno
Suprad' coram nobis.

H. P.
R. B.

Oath when one swears the Peace
against another.

YOU shall swear that you are in Fear of your Life, or of some bodily Hurt to be done, or to be procured to be done

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to you by John Smith of Northill; and that you do not require the Peace of him for any Malice, Vexation or Revenge, but for the Cause aforesaid.

Single Recognizance.

Bed. ff. **M** Emenda quod vicesimo die Aprilis Anno R'ni D'ni n'ri Georgii Dei gratia Magnae Britanniae Franciae & Hib'niae Regis fidei Defensor, &c. decimo tertio Johan' Sole de Henton in Com' praed' Carpenter venit coram me Owen Thoma Bromsall, Ar' uno Justiciar' dicti D'ni Regis ad pacem in Com' praedict' conservand' assign' & recognovit se debere dicto D'ni Regi viginti libras bene & leg'is maner' Magn' Britan' de bonis & cavall' terris & tenementis suis levand' Ad opus praedict' D'ni Regis hereda' & successor' suor' si defeceris in conditione sequenti.

Condition to prosecute a Felon.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That whereas James Freeman of Clifton, in the said County of Bedford, Taylor, was this present Day brought before me, and charged by the said John Sole, with the felonious Taking of fifteen Sheep, being the Goods of him the

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the said *John Sole*; if therefore the said *John Sole*, do at the next Gaol-Delivery, to be holden in the County aforesaid, prefer or cause to be preferred, one Bill of Indictment of the said Felony, against the said *James Freeman*, and do, also then and there give Evidence concerning the same, as well to the Jurors that shall enquire thereof on the Part of our Sovereign Lord the King, as also to the Jurors that shall pass upon the Trial of the said *James Freeman* for the same; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Capt Die & Anno Suprad

coram me

T. B.

Condition for appearing at the Sessions.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the within bounden *Andrew Wells* shall make his personal Appearance before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at the next Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, then and there to answer unto such Matters, as on his Majesty's Behalf shall be objected against him (by *Andrew Bell* of, &c. or concerning, &c.) and shall also stand to and abide such farther Orders as the said Court shall award therein

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therein, that then and from thenceforth this present Recognizance shall be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Recognizance not to keep a Gaming-house.

Bed. ff. **M**emorandum quod 2^o Die Junii Anno Regni Dⁿⁱ n^{stri} Georgii Secundⁱ Dei gratia Magnⁱ Britanⁱ Francⁱ & Hibⁿⁱ Regis tertio Abrahamus Betts de Warden in Comⁱ pradi^{ct} Teoman Carolus Deer de Southill in Comⁱ pradi^{ct} Vi^{ct}ualler & Ed^rus Fuller de Warden pradi^{ct} Teoman venerunt coram me Will^m Brown Ar^umo Justiciarⁱ dicti Dⁿⁱ Regis ad pacem in Comⁱ pradi^{ct} conservand^{am} assignⁱ & recognoverunt se debere dicto D^{no} Regi viz. pradi^{ct} Abrahamus Betts in viginti libris & Carolus Deer & Ed^rus Fuller separatim in decem libris bone & legalis monete Magnⁱ Britanⁱ de bonis & catallis terris & tenementis suis separatim fieri & levari ad opus dicti Dⁿⁱ Regis hered^{um} & successor^{um} suorum si pradi^{ct} Abrahamus Betts defecerit in conditione infrascripta.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That whereas it hath been made appear that the above-bound Abraham Betts hath, for some time last past, kept a common House for Gaming, Card

Card-playing, &c. in *Warden* aforesaid, contrary to Law: If therefore the said *Abraham Betts*, do not at any Time for the future, permit or suffer Cards, Dice, or any other unlawful Games whatsoever, to be used in his said House, or any Disorders to be therein committed [or, if it be of a Gamester, say, if the said *A. B.* do not for the Future, play at Cards, Dice, &c.]; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Capt' Die & Anno Suprad
coram me

W. B.

Recognizance upon licencing an
Alehouse.

Bed. ff. **M** Emorand quod secundo Die
Mati Anno Regni D'ni no-
stri Georgii Secundi Dei gratia Magne
Britanniz, Franciz & Hib' niz Regis fidei
Defensor, &c. quarta, Anno D'ni 1730.
Adam Baker de Biggleswade in Com'
predict' Victualler Carolus Deer de Sutton
in Com' pred' Weaver, & Johan' Fish de
Potton in Com' pred' Butcher, venerunt
coram nobis Will' Brown & Henrico John-
son Ar' duobus Justiciariis dicti D'ni Re-
gis ad pacem in Com' pred' conservand'
assign' & recognoverunt se debere dicto
D'no Regi modo & forma sequenti viz.
K
pred'

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pred' Adam' Baker in viginti libris & prefat' Carolum Deer & Johan' Fish separaliter in decem libris bone & legalis mones' Magnæ Britannię de separalibus bonis & catallis terris & tenementis suis respective levand' ad opus & usum dicti D'ni Regis heredum & successorum suorum si predict' Adam Baker defecerit in conditione sequenti.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That whereas the above-bound *Adam Baker* is allowed by the Justices above-named, to keep a Common Alehouse, in the House wherein he now dwelleth, known by the Sign of the *Swan*, for the Term of one Year, from the Date hereof: If therefore the said *Adam Baker*, shall not, during the Continuance of the said Licence, permit or suffer any unlawful Games to be used in his House, or any Disorders to be committed therein, but shall, during the said Term, keep and maintain good Order and Government in the same; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

*Capi' Die & Anno prius
Suprad' coram nobis.*

W. B.
H. J.

Recog-

Recognizance at length, with two
Sureties.

Bed. ff. **M**emorand' quod vicesimo Die
Aprilis Anno Regni D'ni
n'ri Georgii Dei Gratia Magnæ Britanniz
Franciz & Hib'nz Regis fidei Defensor',
Ec. decimo tertio Johan' Sams de Henlow
in Com' præd' Taylor Will' Jones de ead'
Grocer, & Carolus Ward de Potton in Com'
predict' Viſtualler vener' coram me Owen
Thoma Bromſall Ar' uno Juſticiar' dicti
D'ni Regis ad pacem in Com' præd' con-
ſervand' assignat' & cognover' ſe debere
dicto D'no Regi modo & forma ſequen'
viz. præd' Johan' Sams viginti libras &
præd' Will' Jones & Carolum Ward & quem-
libet eor' decem libras bone & leg'lis mo-
net' Magn' Britan' de bonis & catallis ter-
ris & tenementis ſuis levand' Ad opus &
uſum dicti D'ni Regis hered' & ſucceſſor'
ſuor' ſi præd' Johan' Sams deſecerit in
conditione ſequenti.

Condition for Appearance of one
ſuſpected of Felony.

THE Condition of this Recognizance
is ſuch, That if the above-bound
John Sams ſhall and do perſonally appear

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at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, then and there to answer such Matters as shall be objected against him on his Majesty's Behalf, by *Thomas Parrot* of *Sutton* in the said County, Barber, concerning the felonious Taking of three Sheep, being the proper Goods of the said *Thomas Parrot*, of which the said *John Sams* is suspected; and also shall abide such Orders as the said Court shall make in the Premises; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Capt' Die 3 Anno Suprad'
coram me

T. B.

*Condition for the Appearance of
one suspected of Felony.*

1 & 2 P.
& M. c.

13.

2 & 3 P.
& M. c.

10.

Two Ju-
stices.

Quor. un.

WHereas *Adam Bull* of *Sutton* in the County of *Bedford*, on *Monday* last past had several Goods feloniously Taken and Stolen from him; and the above-bound *Christopher Deer* is suspected to be Guilty of the said Felony, though no direct Proof hath yet been made out against him: Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the said *Christopher Deer* do and shall personally be and appear before his Majesty's Justices at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for

for the said County of *Bedford*, and do then and there answer unto all such Matters and Things as shall be objected against him by the said *Adam Bull*, or any other Person relating to the Felony aforesaid, and do not depart without Leave of the Court; then this Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Condition for the putative Father of a Bastard, to appear at the Sessions.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, that whereas the above-bound *James Langford*, Labourer, is charged upon Oath, by *Anne Farmer* of *Porton* in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, single Woman, to have had the carnal Knowledge of her Body at several Times, and that the said *Anne Farmer* is now with Child by him the said *James Langford*, which Child, when born, will be a Bastard: If therefore the said *James Langford* shall personally appear before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, at their next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, then and there to abide and receive what shall be enjoind by the said Court, concerning the Premises, and in the mean time be of Good Behaviour; that then this Recognizance to be void, or else remain in full Force.

Rioters.

Commitment of Rioters.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in and for the said County.*

WHereas it hath been duly proved before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, that *Edward Fish, George Hill, and John King of Sutton* in the said County, did on *Monday* the 30th of this Instant *July*, assemble together with diverse other Persons, in a riotous and unlawful Manner, at *Potton* aforesaid, to the Terror of the People, and against the Peace, whereby several Persons were bruised and wounded, particularly *James Smart* of *Potton* aforesaid, Shoemaker, and *John Davis* of the same, Tanner: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to convey the said *Edward Fish, George Hill, and John King*, to the Common Gaol, in and for the County aforesaid: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive them into your Custody, and them safely to keep until they shall be from thence delivered by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c. Pro-

Proclamation.

OUR Sovereign Lord the King, chargeth and commandeth all Persons, being assembled, immediately to disperse themselves, and Peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Business, upon the Pains contained in the Act made in the First Year of King George the First, for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies.

God save the King.

Commitment of Rioters for not dispersing after Proclamation made.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in and for the said County.*

WHEREAS John Sams of Biggleswade afore said, Butcher, and James Beard of the same, Shoe-maker, were assembled with divers other Persons, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, in the Market-place of the said Town, on the 3d of this Instant *October*, to the Terror of his Majesty's peaceable Subjects, and refused to disperse themselves on reading the

Rioters not dispersing on Proclamation, Guilty of Felony. 1 Geo. 1. c. 5.

Rioters. Sabbath.

the Proclamation contained in the Statute made in the First Year of King George the First, for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *John Sams* and *James Beard*, and to convey them to the said Gaol; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *John Sams* and *James Beard* into your Custody, and them safely to keep until they shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Sabbath.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for exposing Goods to Sale on a Sunday.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of Statfold in the County aforesaid.*

29 Car. 2.
c. 7.
One Ju-
stice.
One Wit-
ness.

WHereas it hath been duly proved before me, that *John Orsbourn* of *Statfold* aforesaid, did on Sunday, the 9th. Day of *June* last past, expose Apples, &c. to Sale in your said Parish, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided, whereby

whereby he hath forfeited the said Goods to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, &c. These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to seise the said Goods so exposed to Sale, as aforesaid, and that you sell the same, and employ the Money arising by such Sale, to the Use of the Poor of your said Parish: And hereof fail not at your Peril. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Prosecution within ten Days. Forfeits the Goods and 5s.

Crying, and selling of Milk, and Works of Necessury and Charity are excepted.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Carrier for travelling on a Sunday.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Shefford in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas it was this Day prov'd before me, that *Charles Dodd* of *Shefford* aforesaid, common Carrier, on the 8th of this Instant *July*, being *Sunday*, did, with Pack-horses [or Waggon] travel into and through the said Parish of *Shefford*, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to levy the Sum of 20s. on the Goods of the said *Charles Dodd*, which he hath

29 Car. 2. c. 7.

Sabbath.

forfeited for his said Offence, and that you do employ the same, when received, for the Use and Relief of the Poor of your said Parish of *Shefford*. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Butcher killing Meat on a Sunday.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Northill in the said County of Bedford.*

29 Car. 2.
c. 7.
*One Ju-
stice; two
Witnesses
on Oath.*

WHereas it hath been duly prov'd before me, that *James Palmer* of *Northill* aforesaid, did, on *Sunday* the 8th Day of *July* last past, in the said Parish of *Northill*, kill (or sell, as the Case is) several Kinds of Meat, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided; whereby he hath forfeited 6s. 8d. to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to levy the said Sum of 6s. 8d. on the Goods and Chattels of the said *James Palmer*, by Distress and Sale thereof, rendring to him the Overplus; and that you see it employed to the Use of the Poor of your said Parish. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Servants.

Servants.

Warrant and Commitment of idle Persons refusing to go to Service.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

WHereas *William Brown* of *Warden* 5 Eliz. in the County aforesaid, Esq; did c. 4. on *Monday* last, issue out a Warrant directed to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, requiring them to give Warning to *Edward Fish* and *George Hill* (who then lived idly in the said Parish, not having any visible Estate, or lawful Way to maintain themselves) to go to Service by the 10th of *June* now last past: And whereas the said Church-wardens and Overseers have this Day represented unto us, that they gave Notice to the said *Edward Fish* and *George Hill*, to provide themselves with Services accordingly, but that they refused and neglected to do the same, and continue still to live idly, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Edward Fish* and *George Hill*, and
to

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to convey them to the House of Correction, and deliver them to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive them into your Custody, and them there safely to keep until they shall be from thence discharged by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for abusing his Servant.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of Roxton in the said County of Bedford.*

5 Eliz.
c. 4.

W Hereas Complaint hath been made before us, by *Thomas Hall* of *Roxton*, Servant to *Joseph Robinson*, Farmer, that he the said *Thomas Hall* hath been beaten and abused by his said Master, *Joseph Robinson*, and by *Mary Robinson* his Mistress, in a most cruel and barbarous Manner: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Joseph Robinson* and *Mary* his Wife, and to bring them before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace to be examined concerning the Complaint, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to apprehend one for running away from his Master.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Sandy in the County aforesaid.

Whereas William Godfrey, being lawfully hired and retained in the Service of William Newton of Sandy aforesaid, Husbandman, for the Space of one whole Year, is lately departed from his said Service, without the Leave of his Master, and before the End of the said Term: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to command you, &c. that you apprehend the said William Godfrey, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to find sufficient Sureties faithfully to serve his said Master, according to the Agreement between them; and if he shall refuse so to do, that then you cause him to be conveyed to the Common Gaol of the said County, there to remain till he shall find such Surety as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to apprehend a disorderly Servant.

Bed. H. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Potton in the said County
of Bedford, and either of
them.*

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c. 4.

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, by Mrs. *Anne Barber* of your said Parish of *Potton*, Widow, that *Robert Cowper*, her Servant, hath several times refused to obey her lawful Commands, and given abusive Language to herself, and such Gentlemen and Ladies as resort to her House, and hath also frequently been drunk, neglected her Service, and otherwise behaved himself in a disorderly Manner:

These are therefore to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Robert Cowper*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to answer the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 26th Day of *June* 1728.

Warrant

Warrant to punish a Servant assaulting his Master.

Bed. H. *To the Constables of Sandy in the said County of Bedford.*

WHeteas *Andrew Butterfield* and *Cbri- ; Eliz.*
stopber Dudley of *Sandy* aforesaid, c. 4.
 have this Day made Oath before me, that
Edward Fuller, Servant or Workman to
Lawrence Monk of the said Parish, did
 on *Saturday* last assault and beat his said
 Master, *Lawrence Monk*, at *Sandy* afore-
 said, against the Peace, and contrary to the
 Statutes in that Case made and provided :
 These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name,
 to require and authorise you to apprehend
 the said *Edward Fuller*, and to bring him
 before me, with two sufficient Sureties to
 be bound for his Appearance at the next
 Quarter-Sessions, and in the mean time to
 keep the Peace; or in Default of his find-
 ing such Sureties, to convey him to the
 Common Gaol, in and for the said County
 of *Bedford*, there to remain until he shall
 be from thence legally discharged. Given
 under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus

Mittimus to send a Servant to the
House of Correction for lying
out of his Master's House.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Northill in the said Coun-
ty of Bedford, and to the
Keeper of the House of Cor-
rection in and for the said
County.*

5 Eliz.
c. 4.

WHereas it hath this Day been duly
prov'd before me, that *John Simms*,
Servant of *George Radley* of the Hamlet
of *Caldicot*, in the said Parish of *Northill*,
Yeoman, hath absented himself from his
Master's Service, lain out of his said Ma-
ster's House for several Nights, refused to
obey his lawful Commands, and otherwise
behaved himself in a disorderly Manner :

These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you, the
said Constables, to take the said *John
Simms*, and convey him to the said House
of Correction ; and you the said Keeper
are hereby required to receive him into
your Custody, and to detain him for one
Week, from the Date hereof ; and in the
mean time to give him the Correction of
the House, and to keep him to hard La-
bour. Given under my Hand and Seal,
Es.

Warrant

Soldiers.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture of
an Officer, for killing of Poul-
try, &c.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Biggleswade
in the said County.

Whereas it hath been duly proved 1 Geo. 1.
before me, that *Edward Fish*, Gen- c. 3.
tleman, a Lieutenant of Foot in the Regi-
ment commanded by Sir *William Gore*,
did, on *Monday* last past, in the Backside
and Grounds of *Charles Driver* of *Biggle-
swade* in the said County of *Bedford*, kill
and destroy several Cocks and Hens, and
other Poultry, without Leave of the said
Charles Driver, the Owner of the same,
whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of five
Pounds for the Use of the Poor of the said
Parish of *Biggleswade*. These are there-
fore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and
authorise you to demand the said Sum of five
Pounds of the said *Edward Fish*, so by him
forfeited, as aforesaid; and on Receipt there-
of, to pay and apply the same to the Use
of the Poor of the said Parish of *Biggle-
swade*; but if the said *Edward Fish* shall
refuse to pay the said Sum of five Pounds,
that then you do certify the same to me,
that

Soldiers. Swearing.

that such further Proceedings may be had as are agreeable to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The same Penalty for destroying any Game, Pigeons, or Fish.

Swearing.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for swearing, or set the Offenders in the Stocks.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sandy in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

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c. 2.

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3. c. 11.

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WHereas *Alexander Stuart*, Labourer, was this Day duly convicted before me, of profanely Swearing and Cursing five several Times, on *Friday* the 24th of this Instant *May*, at your said Parish of *Sandy*, whereby he hath forfeited to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, the Sum of one Shilling for every of the said Offences: These are therefore, to require and authorise you forthwith to levy the said Forfeitures, amounting in the whole to the Sum of five Shillings, upon the Goods and Chattels of the said *Alexander Stuart*, by Distress and Sale of the same; and

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and that you pay the said Sum of five Shillings, when levied, to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Sandy*, where the said several Offences were committed, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish; and in Case no Distress can be had, and the said *Alexander Stuart* shall not pay the Forfeitures aforesaid, that then you set him in the Stocks, there to remain for the Space of two Hours, and no more. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Taxes.

Warrant to apprehend a Collector for detaining the Land-Tax.

Bed. ff. To John Atterton of Northill in the said County of Bedford, Yeoman, Collector of the Land-Tax for the said Parish of Northill, and to the Constables of the Parish of Northill aforesaid, and to every of them.

Whereas by an Act of Parliament, entitled, *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty, by a Land-Tax, to be raised in Great Britain for the Service of the Year 1717.* the said John Atterton and John

1 Geo. 2.

John Hughes of *Northill* aforesaid, Butcher, were by the Commissioners for putting in Execution the said Act, in the said County of *Bedford*, duly appointed Collectors for the said Parish, of the Monies payable to his Majesty, by Virtue of the said Act: And whereas the said *John Hughes* hath collected and received of the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Northill*, the Sum of 80*l.* 14*s.* and 6*d.* being the third Quarterly Payment assess'd on the said Parish, as their Share and Proportion of the said Tax: And whereas Notice hath been duly given to us in Writing, by *Ambrose Reddall*, Receiver General of the Land-Tax for the said County, that the said *John Hughes* hath neglected to pay to the said Receiver General the Sum of 40*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* Part of the said Sum of 80*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* so collected by him, as aforesaid, on the 26th of *December* last, being the Day appointed for the said third Quarterly Payment thereof, or at any Time since: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and every of you, to apprehend the said *John Hughes*, and bring him before us, or some other Commissioners of the Land-Tax for the said County, to be dealt with according to Law: And you are hereby further required and authorised to seize and secure the Estate, as well Freehold as Copyhold, and all other Estate, both Real and Personal, of the said *John Hughes*, wheresoever the same can be discovered or found;

found; and afterwards to render a just and faithful Account of what you shall have done in the Premises, to us, or some other of his Majesty's Commissioners appointed for the Execution of the said Act, in the said County of *Bedford*, to the End the said Estate of the said *John Hughes*, so seised and secured, may be sold and disposed of by the said Commissioners, to satisfy and pay unto the said Receiver General, the said Sum of, 40 *l.* 14 *s.* 6 *d.* so detained by the said *John Hughes*, as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals this 6th Day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord 1727.

Treason.

Information against a Person coining.

Bed. ff. *The Information of Abraham Betts of Sandy in the County of Bedford, Teoman, taken upon Oath before me William Brown, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, the Third Day of August, in the Fourth Year of King George the Second, Annoq; Dom. 1730.*

THIS Informant, on his Oath, doth depose and saith, that on the 27th Day of *July* last past, in the House of *Charles*

25 Ed. 3.
c. 2.

Charles Dawson, situate at *Biggleswade* in the County aforesaid, known by the Sign of the *Crown*, *Edward Fish* of the Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Silversmith, had in his Possession divers Moulds and Tools made use of in the Clipping and Coining of Money, and that he, this Informant, saw the said *Edward Fish* coin six Silver Shillings, and four Silver Sixpences, in Imitation of the King's Coin: And further, that he saw the said *Edward Fish* offer two Shillings thereof in Payment to *John Simms* of *Langford* in the said County, Butcher, at *Biggleswade* aforesaid, who refused the same, as justly fearing they were counterfeited.

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Warrant to apprehend a Person for Coining.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.

25 Ed. 3.
c. 2.

WHereas *Abraham Betts* of *Sandy* in the County aforesaid, Yeoman, hath this Day made Oath before me *William Brown*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that on the 27th Day of *July* last,
Edward

Edward Fish of the Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, did coin several Pieces of Money, viz. six Silver Shillings and four Silver Sixpences, at the House of *Charles Dawson*, situate in *Biggleswade* aforesaid, in Imitation of the King's Coin, contrary to Law: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Edward Fish*, and to bring him forthwith before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined in the Premises, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Examination of a Person apprehended for Coining.

Bed. ff. *The Examination of Edward Fish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, taken before me John Smith, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, the 8th Day of August, in the Fourth Year of King George the Second, Annoq; Dom. 1730.*

THE said Examinant, being duly examined, deposeth and saith, that as to what he is charged with by *Abraham Berts* of *Sandy* in the County aforesaid, relating to Coining of Money, &c. he

he knoweth nothing thereof, but is entirely Innocent, though he confesseth, that on the 27th of *July* last, he was at the House of *Charles Dawson* in *Biggleswade* aforesaid, as set forth in the said *Abraham Betts's* Information, and that he was handling of Money, and holding two or three Shillings near the Candle, to discover whether the same were good or not, it being Money he received that Evening by Candle-light; but that he coined any Shillings or Sixpences, or other Money, or used any Moulds or Tools for Coining of Money, as the said *Abraham Betts* deposes, he denies the same, or that he ever had any Hand in such Act.

Taken by me the Day and Year above said.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for
Coining of Money, and to seise
his Instruments, &c.

Bed. H. To the Constables of Potton in
the said County.

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3. c. 26.

WHereas *Adam Bridges* of *Potton* aforesaid, hath this Day made Oath before me, that on *Monday* last past, at the House of *Charles Dawson*, situate in *Potton* aforesaid, he being in the next Room to a private Shop or Warehouse of the said *Charles Dawson* (who is by Trade a Silversmith) through a Hole or Cranny in the

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the Partition-Wall, or Door, saw the said *Charles Dawson* busy with many Tools and Instruments in making and moulding some white Pieces of Metal, of a round Form, and about the Size of Shillings and Half-crowns, which he took to be the Coining of Money: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Charles Dawson*, and seise the Tools and Instruments, and Money, which you can find in the Shop or House of him the said *Charles Dawson*, and that you do bring him, together with the said Tools and Instruments, and Money (if any such you can find) before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to commit a Person for melting Bullion, not lawful Silver, but supposed to be Clip-pings.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Southill in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in and for the said County.*

WHereas a large Quantity of Bullion 7 & 8 W. hath been lately found and seised 3. c. 19, in the Possession of *Charles Dudley* of
L Southill

Southill aforesaid, Goldsmith, which before the Melting thereof, was suspected to be unlawful Silver, and the Clippings of Money: And whereas, upon the Examination of the said *Charles Dudley*, taken before us, upon Oath, this present Day, he hath not been able to make sufficient Proof that the said Bullion, before the melting shereof, was not current Coin or Clippings of such Coin, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables, to convey the said *Charles Dudley* to the said Gaol, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you, the said Keeper, are hereby required to receive the said *Charles Dudley* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be from thence delivered by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant and Commitment of a Person for conspiring against his Majesty.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of Luton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol there.

25 Ed. 3.
c. 5.

WHereas *Adam Ball* of *Luton* aforesaid, Ironmonger, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath

Oath of *Charles Dawson* of *Luton* aforesaid, Barber, with High Treason, in Conspiring to levy War against his Majesty [or in Counterfeiting the current Coin of this Realm, &c.] These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorize you, the said Constables, to take the said *Adam Ball*, and to convey him to the Gaol aforesaid, and deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Adam Ball* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharg'd by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Trees.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for destroying Timber Trees.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sandy in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, by *Edward Smith* of the Parish of *Sandy* aforesaid, that on the Third of *July* last, *Charles Driver* of the said Parish of *Sandy*, did maliciously cut and spoil one Timber Tree, belonging to him the said *Edward Smith*, in a Ground called *Home-Close*, contrary to

6 Geo. 1.
c. 16.

the Statutes made for Preservation of Timber and Woods: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Charles Driver*, and that you bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, in order to an Adjudication of the Offence, and awarding the Punishment, which the Statute requires. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

See Title Felony.

Commitment of a Person for spoiling Timber Trees.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction, in and for the said County.*

1 Geo. 1.
c. 48.

W Hereas *Adam Bell* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Baker, hath this Day been legally convicted before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, of maliciously cutting down two Timber Trees (or Fruit Trees, &c.) of and belonging to *Charles Deer* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, contrary to a late Statute in that Case made: These are therefore

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fore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables to convey the said *Adam Bell* to the House of Correction at *Bedford*, in the County aforesaid, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Adam Bell* into your Custody, and him safely to keep at hard Labour in your said House of Correction, for the Space of three Months, next ensuing, and until he shall be legally discharged from thence: And we do further Order, that you, the said Keeper, do cause the said *Adam Bell* to be publicly whip'd in the Town of *Potton*, (on a Market-Day there, between the Hours of Eleven and One of the Clock) once in every Month, during the said three Months. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Turnpikes.

Warrant to apprehend People for not doing their Duties on the Turnpike-Road.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill and Caldecott in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath this Day 8 Geo. 1. been made before Sir *William Smith* c. 5. and *Owen Thomas Bromsall*, Esqs; two

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of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, by *William Haile* of *Beverton*, against *Edward Reynolds*, *Joseph Ravens*, *Edward Oliver*, *Thomas Gyllians*, and *James Deare*, for not doing their Duty in the Turnpike-Road from *Biggleswade-Bridge* to *Alconberry-Hill*: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, on Sight hereof, to summon the said *Edward Reynolds*, *Joseph Ravens*, *Edward Oliver*, *Thomas Gyllians* and *James Deare*, to appear before us at *Sir William Smith's* at *Warden*, on *Monday* the 20th of this Instant, to shew Cause why they have not done their Duties, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under our Hands and Seals the 7th Day of *October* 1729.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for driving Horses through Grounds to avoid a Turnpike.

Bed. A. To the Constables of *Biggleswade* in the said County of *Bedford*.

8. Geo. 1. c. 5. **W** Hereas *Charles Dixey* was this Day legally convicted before us, on the Oaths of *James Smith* and *John Barber*, of Driving several Horses through a certain Ground adjoining to the Highway leading to *Biggleswade*, to avoid the Payment

ment of the Toll due from all Persons passing the said Way, at the Turnpike of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, contrary to the Statute in that Behalf made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, *One or more Justices* to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of 10*s.* on the said *Charles Dixey*, by Distress and Sale of his Goods, for the Offence aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to send a Person to the House of Correction for breaking down the Gate of a Turnpike.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

Whereas it hath been duly proved before us *John Smith* and *Edward Brown*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, by the Oaths of *Edward Farmer* and *George Hill*, that *John King* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, did on *Thursday* last, wilfully, maliciously and violently cut, break down and lay open the large Bolted Gate belonging to the Turnpike within the Parish

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and Highway of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, so that Passengers might pass by the said Turnpike without paying any Toll, in great Contempt of the Act of Parliament made for repairing the said Ways, and erecting the said Turnpike: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables, to convey the said *John King* to the said House of Correction, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to take the said *John King* into your Custody, and him safely to keep at hard Labour for the Space of three Months: And you, the said Keeper, are hereby further required, on *Wednesday* next, to deliver the said *John King* to the Constable of the Town of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, who is commanded to strip the said *John King* from the Waste upwards, and to whip or cause him to be whipp'd publicly, in the Market-place of the said Town, between the Hours of Eleven and One of the Clock of the aforesaid Day. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Summons

Tithes.

Summons to appear for Nonpayment of Tithes.

Bed. ff. *To Adam Ball of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

W Hereas Complaint hath been made before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, that you the said *Andrew Bell*, have refused to pay unto *Charles Dean*, Vicar of the Parish of *Sutton*, in the said County of *Bedford*, the small Tithes due to him from you, as by Law you ought: These are therefore to require you to appear before us at the Sign of the *Crown* in the said Parish of *Sutton*, on *Monday* the 24th of *August*, to be examined concerning the Premisses. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

7 & 8 W.
3. c. 6.

Warrant to apprehend a Quaker for not paying his small Tithes.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Statfold in the said County, and to either of them.*

T HESE are, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you that you cause *Edward Freeman* of your Town, Quaker,

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3. c. 34
1 Geo. I.
c. 6.

Tithes.

Quaker, to appear before us, and other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County, at the *Crown* in *Northill*, on *Monday* the 14th Day of *July* next, by Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to answer the Complaint of the Rev. Mr. *Edward Brooks*, for refusing to pay him the small Tithes now due to him, as Vicar of your Parish, and further to do as the Law shall direct. Given under our Hands and Seals this 26th Day of *June* 1729.

Order for one to pay his small Tithes.

To *Andrew Bell* of the Parish of *Sutton* in the County of *Bedford*.

7 & 8 W.
3. c. 6.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Complaint hath been made to us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, that *Andrew Bell*, being a Person commonly called a Quaker, hath refused to pay or compound for his small Tithes, arising in the Parish of *Sutton*, in the said County of *Bedford*; and whereas the said *Andrew Bell* hath been duly summon'd before us, and examined concerning the Truth and Justice of the said Complaint, and we do find that there is justly due from the said *Andrew Bell* to the Vicar of the said Parish of *Sutton*, the

the Sum of 40s. for small Tithes, for the two Years last past: We therefore, the aforesaid Justices, being neither of us Patron of the said Parish Church of *Sutton*, or any ways interested in the said Tithes, do order and appoint the aforesaid *Andrew Bell*, to pay or cause to be paid unto the said Vicar the aforesaid Sum of 40s. within ten Days after Notice of this our Order Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to distrain for Non-payment of small Tithes.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Statfold in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Andrew Bell*, being a Person commonly called a Quaker, hath been summoned to appear before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined for Non-payment of his small Tithes: And whereas we, the said Justices, did order the said *Andrew Bell* to pay unto the Vicar of *Sutton*, the Sum of 40s. within ten Days after Notice of the said Order: And whereas it appeareth unto me, *Philip Lancaster*, Esq; one of the said Justices, that the said *Andrew Bell* had due Notice of the said Order, but did, and still doth refuse to pay the said Sum of 40s. These are therefore to require you forthwith

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3. c. 6.

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with to levy the said Sum of 40^s. by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Andrew Bell*, rendring unto him the Overplus, if any shall happen to be: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Vagrants.

Form of a Pass for a Vagrant.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of the Parish of Northill in the said County of Bedford.*

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WHereas *Adam Bates*, being, as he informs me, about the Age of 25 Years, was apprehended in the Parish of *Northill* afore said, wandering and begging there, and brought before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County; and upon Examination of the said *Adam Bates* and of *Charles Deer*, taken before me, on Oath, it doth appear that the said *Adam Bates* was born at *Sutton* in this County; (or that the said *Adam Bates* is under the Age of 14 Years, and hath a Father living and abiding in the Parish of *Sutton* afore said; or that he was found begging in the Parish of *Sutton* afore said, where he last passed through unapprehended, as the Case is, and

and the Place of his Birth cannot be discovered) and it doth not appear to me that the said *Adam Bates* hath obtained any legal Settlement since his Birth: These are therefore to require you to convey the said *Adam Bates* in the next direct Way to the said Parish of *Sutton*, and deliver him to the Constable or other Officer of the same Parish, to be there provided for according to Law, he having been whipp'd as the Law directs. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

But if the Place of his Birth be out of the County where he was Taken, then the Pass to be thus:

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of the Parish of Northill in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Adam Bates*, being as he informs me, about the Age of 25 Years, was apprehended in the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid wandring and begging there, and brought before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County; and upon Examination of the said *Adam Bates* and of *Charles Dcer*, taken before me upon Oath, it doth appear that the said *Adam Bates* was born at *Hull*, in the County of *York*; and it doth not appear to me that the said *Adam Bates* hath obtained any legal Settlement since his Birth: These are therefore to require you to convey the said *Adam Bates* in the next direct

direct Way to the Parish of *Everton*, in the County of *Cambridge*, that being the first Town in the next Precinct, through which he ought to pass to the said Town of *Hull*, to be thence conveyed on, according to the Directions of the Statute in that Case made and provided: And I do hereby allow the Space of ten Days for his Passing to the said Town of *Hull*, the said Vagrant having been first whipp'd in this County, as the Law directs. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Certificate to be sent with a Pass.

Bed. J. **W** Hereas *Adam Bates*, Vagrant, was by a Pass, under my Hand and Seal, bearing Date herewith, ordered to be convey'd from *Northill* in the said County of *Bedford*, to *Hull* in the County of *York*: These are to certify whom it may concern, that, I did farther direct that the said Vagrant should be conveyed to *Hull* aforesaid, on Foot, and that the several Constables who should be employed in conveying him from County to County, should be allowed Three-pence per Mile for travelling Charges, and no more.

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Order and Certificate of a Justice
of the County, through which
a Vagrant is passed.

Cantab. ff. *To the Constables of Everton
in the said County of Cam-
bridge, and either of them.*

YOU are hereby required to convey
Adam Bates, the Vagrant mention'd
in the Pass hereto annexed, from *Everton*
aforesaid, to *Bugden* in the County of
Huntingdon, that being the first Parish in
the next County, in his direct Road to
Hull, in the said Pass mentioned, the said
Vagrant having been whipp'd in this Coun-
ty, as the Law directs.

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Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Statfold in
the said County of Bedford.*

Convey the within mentioned Vagrants
to *Everton* in the County of *Cam-
bridge*, after they have been whipp'd, as
the Law directs.

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